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THIS NUMBER

This number has a lot of ground to cover. The September number came out early and this number is a bit late, so about six or seven weeks have elapsed, and much has been happening. Every effort is still being made to get all the news into the least space, but with such an organization as we now have, seething with activity from coast to coast, there is much to be reported, and the reporters have been doing a good job.

Bear in mind, it would make for a still better magazine, if EVERY Chapter would report briefly and concisely, instead of about half of them reporting in great detail and the other half not at all.

It's a funny thing about the growth of Chapter news in YANKEE DOINGS. Some of the old timers, who used to read the magazine when there were no such things as chapters, but just a big organization of individuals, say that in those days they used to read the whole of it, as it was all concerned with matters of general interest; but that now they read only the general items and their own Chapter, which means about half the magazine is waste so far as they are concerned. YET, if their OWN Chapter was left out there would be an awful squawk. So, each man to his own meat, but glance through the other local columns, there may be the names of men there you used to know.

NEXT YEAR'S PROVIDENCE CONVENTION

In the November issue, YANKEE DOINGS expects to have a definite announcement to make concerning the Providence Convention scheduled for next summer. Recent developments in what is facetiously known as "the postage stamp state" have sort of cramped the style of the convention committee there. At present writing they are not sure exactly where they're at. But this much can be said: there will be a Convention, and one of the best ones ever; and the YD will not be drawn into any political argument.

ANNOUNCEMENT

YANKEE DOINGS is authorized to state that the office of National Service Officer of the YD Veterans Association is vacant, and will not be filled at the present time. It is possible that an amendment to abolish the office will be offered at the next Annual Convention.

The YD Veterans Association stands ready to assist any member thereof to the extent of its ability in hospitalization or claims for compensation; to aid members in securing necessary affidavits, etc.

All future communications on this score should be addressed to National Hdqtrs., YD Veterans Association, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF PORTLAND (1937) NATIONAL CONVENTION

The following statement, having been submitted by the Chairman of last June's Portland Convention Committee, is herewith printed for the full information of the membership. Comment seems unnecessary. Financially, the Convention was unsuccessful. This may be attributed to a combination of many reasons. DOINGS will mention none of them. Let each man read into the figures what he may.

Receipts

State of Maine	$2,500.00
City of Portland	150.00
Registrations	3,028.00
Program	2,306.00
Gifts	135.00
Concessions	110.00
Drum Corps Contests	79.50
Waste Paper (Sale)	1.00
	$8,309.50

Expenditures

Badges	$ 907.88
Salaries	761.00
General Printing	395.34
Prizes (Military Ball, Horribles, Poster Contest, etc.)	195.00
Rental, Stadium	100.00
Headquarters	669.87
Miscellaneous	399.64
Memorial	69.50
Entertainment	113.00
Shore Dinner	946.50
Convention Book	1,755.36
Traveling Committee	237.97
Y.D. Club	318.46
Postage	627.29
Junior Uniforms	500.00
First Aid Stations (Dr. Powell)	100.00
	$8,096.81

Outstanding Claims

Prizes — DC Contest	$ 775.00
Headquarters YDVA Levy	750.00
H. M. Hagar — Shore Dinner	750.00
Salary — Kennon, Three Weeks	150.00
Orchestra — Ball	135.00
Bowker Printing Co.	64.30
	$2,624.30

Summary

RECEIPTS		$8,309.50
EXPENDITURES		8,096.81
		$ 212.69
Accts. Due	$206.00	
Cash (on hand)	1.54	
Cash (in bank)	4.50	
Postage	.65	
	212.69	

REGISTRATIONS FOR 1937 YD CONVENTION

Cash Registrations

MEN	WOMEN AND GUESTS	
669	164	Total 833

Advance Registrations

MEN	WOMEN AND GUESTS	
342	127	Total 469

Total men registered	1011
Total women and guests	291
Grand total	1302

Cash Received from Registrations

Cash registrations	$2,082.50
Advance registrations	938.00
Total	3,020.50
For badges	7.50
Grand total	$3,028.00

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AMERICANISM BULLETIN

By Harry W. Bugbee
Director of Americanism, Y. D. V. A.

As the implacable years roll by, and all the hectic days we spent in billet and trench and dugout, in cave and camp and hospital, envelop themselves more and more in the concealing mists of the past; certain things — far from being obscured — stand out before our vision with ever-increasing clearness. Among these are the inestimable value of our war-time comradeship; the sacred obligation to carry on for that American Democracy for which so many superb men who messed and marched with us gave their all; and the daylight sanity of our free institutions, in a world fast surrendering to phobias and fantastic creeds.

The march of the dictators is tuned to a deadly logic. The Nazis bend heaven and earth to their Nordic obsession, the shadow of the Caesars darkens the frown of Mussolini, and the grim ghost of Ivan the Terrible stands ever at Stalin's elbow. For Karl Marx and his social dogmas are today as tacitly anathema at the Kremlin as Trotzky himself.

It's an odd world! If you are not logical, you are suspected of being looney. And yet the only last-ditch henchmen of logic are in the booby-hatch. Ride any idea hard enough, and it will land you in bedlam. That applies to nations as well as to individuals. Two or three nations, at least, today, jaded to the hilt with this sort of ultra-logical locomotion, seem to be just about at journey's end. Theories are pretty play-things, but beware of trying to bend the world to conform to them. "Because you are virtuous," says the great sage of Avon, "do you think there will be no more cakes and ale?"

The truth is, life itself is sublimely illogical. You can't fathom it with a political (or a theological) syllogism, and you can't delimit it. It will take its own unplotable curve. And the louder you proclaim your new, up-to-the-minute doctrine, the louder will be the horse-laugh of history.

The architect who should build an absolutely rigid tower or skyscraper, would soon see his work crash in ruins. He must allow for the tug of the winds, and permit a certain sway in the structure. It's just as fatal to build a rigid State. The winds of the world and the caprices or apparent caprices of life must be consulted. But that is precisely what the leaders of Fascism and Communism (if Stalin hasn't permanently put the skids under the latter) fail to do. They propose to bend the World-Will to theirs. It can't be done!

The extraordinarily sagacious men who founded this republic inaugurated a flexible form of government. It was built to withstand the sudden gales of popular passion on the one hand, and the settled tempest of tyrannical ambition on the other. For over a century and a half it has notably fulfilled that purpose. Its foundation is the bedrock of Liberty — liberty — of conscience, liberty of thought, liberty of utterance.

It is of the first importance — *outweighting all lesser considerations* — that this foundation shall *not* be tampered with. Any attempt to muzzle the press, to suppress freedom of thought and expression, or to curtail full religious liberty, under whatever specious pretences of expediency or more ample emoluments, is utterly un-American, and a step toward political and intellectual slavery. By all means let us care for the aged, advance the wages and enlarge the leisure of labor, reclaim the slums, and conserve our natural resources. The twentieth century demands these goals. And they are shining ones.

But we must advance toward them by the ordered processes of our free institutions. Only thus can we be sure of the permanence of this progress. If we obtain these things as the gift of however benevolent and camouflaged a dictatorship, there is no guarantee that the gift may not be as suddenly and arbitrarily snatched away.

Liberty of conscience, liberty of expression,

liberty of thought — these are the foundations of the America we know and love. They must never be undermined! Whether we shout any particular reform up or down, we must never be shunted into a weak and fatuous indifference, when these are threatened. We who were once willing to stake our lives against tyranny, must and will continue to uphold and defend them.

REUNION IN MANHATTAN

The 1937 American Legion Convention is now history and the slogan of "Up Fifth Ave. in 1937" was fulfilled in a manner that will never be forgotten either by the 500,000 Legion members or the population of New York who gave the boys a royal welcome. For years to come the Legion will be talking about "what swell guys the New York cops were." All in all the Convention was "tops," and will leave something for future conventions to shoot at.

The Yankee Division turned out in fine shape, considering the fact that it was the second convention in four months. Over 800 members were registered at the New York Chapter Headquarters in the Hotel Winthrop, and scores more who visited New York for the parade only, failed to register. At the YD Banquet held on Monday night, September 21, at the Roger Smith Restaurant over 500 were present.

At the speakers table where President Ben Pitman officiated, assisted by Jack Connolly as toastmaster, were seated General Eddie Logan, Colonel Charlie Stevens, Col. Wm. Keville, Gen. John Murphy, Colonel Foley, Gen. Ed Slate, National Chaplain Wm. Imbrie and National President Ray Doucette.

Speeches were made, but the din of the milling crowds, together with the collapse of the public speaking apparatus, made it almost impossible to hear. However one thing is certain; everybody had a swell time.

Entertainment for the banquet tried several times to get under way, but found it impossible. We did however have a chance to put on the opening number, a selection from the opera, "The Barber of Seville' which was sung by Arturo D'Amico of the Metropolitan Opera, assisted at the piano by one of the country's foremost pianists, Bruce Spencer King. They did get under way but nobody present could hear them even if they were giving the artists their attention. Seated aside the writer was our old friend Monroe "Cohen on the Telephone" Silver, who as we all know is one of the cleverest comedians and after-dinner story tellers in New York. He tried to get a word in edgewise several times, but gave it up as a bad job. He left to broadcast, with the consent of Jim Hurley with the promise to return, but Jim took a look around and advised against it. Two other acts showed up later but the place was in a bedlam and they were unable to go on.

We offer our thanks to Bill Riley and Post 290 Band of Boston for offering the service of his band in the march from the Winthrop Hotel to the Banquet. The Post by the way is made up entirely of YD men and has our Boston Club as headquarters.

The Convention Committee of the New York Chapter deserves a lot of credit for the job turned in; and Bob Dickson, Chairman of this Committee, handled the situation with marvelous judgment considering the handicaps. Bob was assisted by Ed Writer, Ernest Kluge, Bob Gordon, Joe McGlone, Fred Brown, Jim Hurley, Anthony Fanelle, Paul Nathanson and Ted Schoonmaker.

Harry Burt and Whit Washburn bore the brunt of the work, and to them we offer our sincere thanks for a job well done. President Ben Pitman also spent a lot of his time overseeing the work of the committee, and with him a vote of thanks goes to Joe Greenberg, Ralph Clough, Ralph Nevin, Lou Connelly, Milton Maxim, Bill Savage, John O'Leary, Eddie Nolan, Joe McGlone, and Julius Fedel, for the service rendered during the period of the convention.

We must not forget the services of the fair ladies who did yeoman service in assisting with the registrations; therefore to the following gracious members of the fair sex we offer our gratitude: Mrs. Milton Maxim, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. William Savage, Mrs. Ralph Clough, Mrs. Ralph Nevin, Mrs. Anthony Fanelle, and Miss Blanche Veit.

We also greatly appreciated the assistance of Guy Watts, Marty Taylor, and Al Thomson of the Boston Chapter. Our Secretary, Phil Sanborn, also put in a lot of his time at headquarters offering valuable information.

One of the most amazing features of the convention was the signing of new members. The New York Chapter alone adding over 100 to the present 140 members! Several members at large from out of the states with chapters were

also signed and we believe (although this is not official) that more new members were signed at this convention than at any other we have held in recent years.

No real serious fatalities were reported, although a YD man, FRED J. RONAN of D Battery, 101 Artillery, died on Sunday of natural causes.

All in all it was a successful convention from the standpoint of the YD; and the people of New York are still talking about the Legion members who wore the blue berets with the gold YD. No other division can boast of such a turnout, and we, all as YD men, should be proud of the fact that we were privileged to have served with the old YD.

Thanks boys for coming down to see us, and we hope you come down again — OFTEN.

—"POP" KNICKERBOCKER.

RECENT VETERAN LEGISLATION

1. It is strongly recommended that all YD veterans having claims pending before the Veterans' Administration procure all possible supporting evidence themselves, have it properly certified, and submit it in support of their claim. Much of the success of a man's case depends on his own initiative in following it through.

2. Members' attentions are called to the requirement of a periodical physical examination. Many ratings have been dropped because claimants have failed to consult Veterans' Administration authorities at regular intervals. Request a check-up of your condition now and then.

The H.R. 6384 Bill which was signed by the President on August 16, 1937, contains nine provisions, all of which are beneficial to World War veterans and dependents. Here are nine provisions analyzed briefly, with estimated monetary benefits.

1. The widow of a World War veteran who is receiving compensation based on (30%) or more at the time of the veteran's death will continue to receive benefits regardless of the cause of the veteran's death.

The amendment just approved provides that where a veteran leaves a child, the percentage requirement of a service connected disability will be only 20%. It is estimated that there are about 2,000 that will benefit under this act.

2. This provides that evidence may be submitted to prove service connection within three years after the death of the veteran, whichever is the later date. Heretofore evidence could not be submitted under Public No. 484, as amended, to show service connection after the veteran's death. It could however, be submitted to prove the degree of the service connected disability.

3. This provides for an increase in dependency compensation to widows of the World War veterans whose husbands have died of a service connected disability. The increased rates are as follows: An increase from $35.00 to $37.50 per month for widows between the ages of 50 to 65, and from $40.00 to $45.00 to widows above the age of 65. . .

This does not apply as long as the widow's income from dependency compensation and War Risk Insurance of Government Converted Insurance, equal or exceed the amounts stated above.

4. This increases the monthly allowance of dependent parents of World War veterans who die or have died as the result of service connected disability. The rate as follows: One parent $45.00 per month, or where both parents are living, $25.00 each per month. This does not apply as that of No. 3.

5. This provides for a statutory permanent and total rating for insurance purposes on all insurance contracts issued by the Government prior to December 15, 1936.

6. This provides for the payment of dependency compensation to widows of World War veterans in some instances, irrespective of the date of marriage of the widow to the veteran, in other words the limitation of July 3, 1931, as to date of marriage for widows to obtain dependency compensation was continued.

7. This provides that re-enlistments after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, provided there was service during World War hostilities, shall be considered as World War service in considering a claim for benefits under the World War Veterans' Act.

8. Under this provision, death compensation will be payable as of the date of death of the veteran if a claim for such benefits is filed within one year after the veteran's death.

9. This gives the Veterans' Administration authority to pay compensation to the dependents of incompetent veterans where the incompetent veteran disappears. The rate of compensation so paid will to dependents be the same as if the veterans were deceased.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

MAINE	
Augusta	14
Farmington	24
Lewiston	50
Portland	56
Skowhegan	16
Waterville	9
At Large	43
TOTAL	212
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Concord	20
Keene	32
Lebanon-Newport	14
Manchester	40
Nashua	28
At Large	25
TOTAL	159
VERMONT	
Bellows Falls	12
Burlington	15
Montpelier-Barre	14
Rutland	21
Springfield	11
At Large	16
TOTAL	89
MASSACHUSETTS	
Attleboro	5
Boston	544
Brockton	25
Danvers	11
Clinton	16
Fitchburg	32
Haverhill	66
Holyoke	32
Lawrence	25
Lowell	82
Lynn	143
Marlboro	41
Milford	35
New Bedford	58
Northampton	14
Salem	35
Springfield	69
Webster	19
Worcester	177
At Large	89
TOTAL	1518
RHODE ISLAND	
Providence	130
At Large	0
TOTAL	130
CONNECTICUT	
Bridgeport	38
Bristol	70
Hartford	214
Manchester	28
Meriden	45
Middletown	22
New Britain	31
New Haven	139
New Milford	6
Norwalk	40
Stamford	56
Terryville	19
Valley	33
Wallingford	14
Waterbury	39
Willimantic	40
Winsted	13
At Large	19
TOTAL	866
UNITED STATES	
Chicago	36
Cleveland	38
Denver	15
Detroit	26
Los Angeles	25
New York	169
Newark	0
St. Louis	14
Washington	40
At Large	126
TOTAL	489
GRAND TOTAL	3463

(Exclusive of Life Members)

Membership keeps on climbing. The Association is still well over 200 ahead of the same date one year ago. We are just on the verge of reaching 3500 mark. It has NEVER reached 4000. Can we make it that by the end of the year, on December 31? Let us all make one big concerted push and see if we can. In the standing by Chapters given here, (as of Oct. 1) the names of one or two new Chapters are seen for the first time:

TO END THE DEBATE

Many a loyal YD member, with fire in his eye and bayonet fixed, came charging to the defense of ye editor after last month's blast by the man who claimed YANKEE DOINGS gave the Legion more space and notice than it gave the V.F.W. Thanks, fellas.

It would take much too much space to print all their letters. Maj. PHIL SCHUYLER (Div. Hq.) of Egypt, Mass., thinks one way to save money on printing the magazine is not to print such junk. KEN DENNIS of Newport, R. I., says in part:It WOULD be one of those important lads from East Bicycle or some place who would take the wrong impression of your efforts to help all us YD-ers with their problems. You and I have heard this kind before: there is one in every outfit. More power to you, me lad, and keep on keeping on. T'ell with the guys who don't like it, the rest of us do." LEON HALL of Portland, Maine, writes in part: "It is true there's a lot of scrapping down here between the A.L. and the V.F.W. I am a member of both. The V.F.W. are so anxious to gain members that they do not always go about it in a gentlemanly way. I can well remember a man who tried to get me to join the V.F.W., with a sales talk 100% slander of the Legion. Another, a YD man, tried his hardest to spike the YD Convention. Tell Mr. Jameson we can wash our dirty linen without sending it to Massachusetts."

And so it goes; there were others. But personally, Mr. Jameson's letter never bothered your editor seriously. The Y.D.V.A. intends to go on minding its own business, with never a word, unless it be a kindly word, about the others.

TO ALL CHAPTER SECRETARIES

This is an important notice, and careful reading may save a lot of questions and worry.

The Constitution of the Y.D.V.A. prohibits any YD man who lives in a city or town where there is a YD Chapter from becoming a member-at-large. If he wants to belong to the Association at all, he must join the Chapter, and conform to its requirements — including local dues if any are charged — as well as the National requirements.

Now dues reach the desk of the Treasurer in two ways. Some are sent by the chapter officers — who, it is presumed have either taken out their own local share or will collect it at their convenience; and secondly from members who send their $2.00 direct to Nat. Hq.

It is of the second group that we wish to speak. If, for instance $2.00 dues are received direct from a man, say, in New Haven or Worcester or New York City, or some such place where there is a Chapter, the chances are that his local chapter officers don't know anything about it. In some cases the man himself does not know of the existence of a chapter in his city; in other cases he knows of it but doesn't know that he must join it to become a member; in still other cases he doesn't want to join it and sends his money direct in the expectancy of a member-at-large card.

Now what happens? The National Secretary makes out a card for membership in the local Chapter and sends it to the Chapter Secretary. And here comes the big question mark (?). Oftentimes, the local Secretary doesn't know what to do with it; the man hasn't paid any local dues, in some cases the local Secretary never even heard of the man.

Here is what should be done. THE CHAPTER SECRETARY SHOULD NOTIFY THE MEMBER THAT HE HAS HIS CARD AND WILL FORWARD IT TO HIM UPON RECEIPT OF HIS LOCAL DUES — (WHICH IN MOST CASES ARE $1.00). At the same time he should explain to the man that the Constitution provides that he must join his local Chapter or else relinquish his membership. If no answer is forthcoming, the Chapter Secretary should then notify the National Secretary.

MEETINGS OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The National Executive Committee of the Y.D.V.A. met in Hartford, Conn., on Saturday, August 28. The chief matters of importance taken up were: Charters were granted to Danvers (Mass.) Chapter; Washington County Chapter of Montpelier, Vt.; and Twin-State Chapter of Lebanon-Claremont, N. H. Officers were present from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, many Massachusetts and Connecticut Chapter presidents being present. ARTHUR SMITH, President of the Department of Vermont also attended the meeting.

A meeting of the Executive Committee scheduled for Bellows Falls, Vt. on the evening of September 30, was forced to abandon convening due to the lateness of the hour at which the installation of new officers was completed and the fact that the National President and Secretary had over a three-hour ride to return home. The meeting will be held at an early date, probably in Boston. Present for the meeting were: Nat. President DOUCETTE; Nat. Sec. SANBORN; Nat. Service Officer PARENT; Nat. Historian CODDING of Keene, N. H.; National Vice Presidents ELLIOTT of Mass., and SMITH of Vermont; and the following Chapter Presidents: STONE of Bellows Falls, FOOTE of Rutland, WESCOTT of Springfield, Vt., TAAFFE of Keene, N. H. For an account of the installation and charter presentation, see the Bellows Falls column under Department of Vermont.

HARRY BOTSFORD AND HIS GLEN PARK ORCHESTRA ARE AT IT AGAIN

Harry and his boys and girls are open for engagements, for this fall and winter. Any size orchestra, from a small band, up to thirteen pieces. This is the orchestra which played for the 104th Inf. Convention in Quincy, Mass., and was highly praised for their music. Harry can be reached at the YD Club in Boston, just a card addressed to him there and your dance music worries are over. Give him all your work and you're the winner.

MONUMENT FOR GEN. EDWARDS' GRAVE

Most every reader of DOINGS is familiar with the fact that the Portland Convention authorized the Association to proceed with the raising of funds for the placing of a marker on the grave of General EDWARDS in Arlington National Cemetery, following over six years of failure to do so by the executor of his will, despite the fact that said will contained explicit directions to that effect; also that the committee which had ascertained the facts, headed by Gen. COLE should be empowered to proceed with the project.

Since the Convention last June, Gen. COLE has been taking preliminary steps, the first of which was to ascertain that such a project would meet with the approval of Gen. EDWARDS' next of kin, Mrs. Charles Otis of Cleveland, his sister. Her enthusiastic permission — indeed approval — was given. The next step was to ascertain from the Quartermaster General of the Army, who is in charge of the cemetery, if such a marker would be permissible under cemetery regulations.

At this point came the rub. The Q. M. General says that no further markers may be placed upon the lot, inasmuch as there are now two crosses marking the graves of Mrs. Edwards and Miss Bessie Edwards, and a foot-stone on the General's grave. The Washington Chapter, Y.D.V.A., has been delegated to find out the full details of the matter, as it was distinctly understood that the placing of the foot-stone would not endanger the later placing of an upright marker.

SHALL YD MEN WHO DID NOT GO OVERSEAS BE MADE ELIGIBLE FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP?

A resolution has been received from Detroit Chapter, praying that the National Executive Committee alter the requirements of membership so that men who were actually mustered into Federal service in the 26th Division, but who were afterwards discharged through no fault of their own before the Division went overseas, be made eligible for membership in the Y.D.V.A.

Of course, this is a matter of Constitutional amendment, and the Executive Committee has no jurisdiction in the matter. But it is probable that such an amendment will be proposed at the next Convention. Therefore, members are invited to give the matter thought and be prepared to discuss and vote on the matter. There is much to be said on both sides.

FINANCIAL

Our head is still above water — thanks largely to the fact that the usual summer falling-off of new memberships has been less pronounced this year and there has been a steady increase week after week. Almost the entire income of the Association is from dues. Membership and more membership and still more MEMBERSHIP is the answer.

On the "out-go" end, your Secretary was able to let his assistant go, back last May, and has not had to hire any assistance since then, doing the work himself. Also, efforts to lower the cost of printing YANKEE DOINGS have been successful in a measure, and all other expenses are being kept to a minimum.

When the treasury reaches its "zero hour" along in mid-winter; two schemes now being perfected in the fertile brain of the Treasurer may be launched. Everybody, far and wide, has said or written: "Whatever you do, don't cut down YANKEE DOINGS." If that's the mandate of the membership, your editor will carry it out; but by gosh it is then up to the membership — not the editor — to pay the bills!

CHRISTMAS CARDS AGAIN!

Gosh, it seems as if we just finished talking about last year's Christmas cards, and about the bimboes who neither paid for them nor returned them. (About 900 are still in that category.)

But anyhow, taking its courage in its teeth, the Association decided to send them out again this year; trying to make clearer than ever before in a letter that the fella who thinks its a heluva way to do business has grounds for his complaint; but that it is one of the very few ways we have to make a few dollars; and that if he is sore, won't he please send them back instead of throwing them in the waste paper basket.

Of course, we hope not too many will be sore. They are good cards and they are worth a dollar. Just buy 'em or return 'em is all we ask.

SPRINGFIELD MASS. CHAPTER HONORS NAME OF GENERAL EDWARDS

Following a lengthy campaign to have the new Crosstown Boulevard link across Watershops Pond named the General Clarence R. Edwards' Bridge, Springfield Chapter was successful, when the City Council adopted its eloquent resolution citing the leadership of General EDWARDS, at a meeting held in September.

THE COUNCIL OF WORLD WAR COMBAT VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Out in Los Angeles, and to a lesser extent, because more recent, in other parts of the country, exists an organization known by the title which appears in the above caption. The organization is just what its name implies, a council made possible by the cooperation of Associations, Divisional or otherwise — which actually saw combat during the World War. For the most part the Council is made up of co-operating groups of *local chapters* of combat Associations, not of the national Associations themselves.

The Yankee Division Veterans' Association would stand ready to sponsor an enlargement of the splendid idea, basing it upon the original concept of the Southern California groups, which would make the national Associations members of such a council — nation-wide in its scope.

FOR WORLD WAR BIBLIOPHILES

The History of the Second Division, A.E.F., published by the Second Division Association is now off the press. The price is $4.00 and orders should be sent to The Hillman Press, Inc., 75 Varick Street, New York, N. Y.

Quoting from the flyer sent out to prospective purchasers: "You are in it — you and your buddies, your regiment, your company — they're all in it, all the way from Hoboken to the Rhine! The details of every battle — why and how it was fought, the thrills, the humor, the grief — it's all there! 450 pages, 35 maps and photographs; 20 pages of excerpts from Second Division war diaries and private papers; the Roll of Honor and complete list of citations. It will be the best buy you ever made."

YD MEN PROMINENT IN LEGION OF VALOR

Among the appointments made by National Commander Ralph H. Robart (104th Inf.) of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor, are the names of Albert W. Herman (102nd Inf.), Past President, Y.D.V.A., as Chief of Staff; Tom Jolley (101st F.A.), Sgt. at Arms; and Abe Cohen (101st Inf.) Ass't. Sgt. at Arms. Harold Batten (102nd M.G. Bn.) is on the Executive Committee.

It is also noted in General Orders No. 1 for 1936-1937 that Douglas R. Ross, formerly sergeant in K Co., 101st Infantry has been admitted to membership. Sgt. Ross won his D.S.C. for extraordinary heroism in action near Vaux, France, on July 16, 1918.

MUTUAL HELPFULNESS

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

On page 12 of YANKEE DOINGS for November, 1934 you published a notice about this organization, the Disabled Veterans of the A.E.F., stating our services were free to any veteran and that we charge no dues and solicit no funds. As a result, we have been able to give a helping hand to many of your fellow comrades of the YD. Perhaps though since this organization does not knowingly accept money from any one, some were doubtful, so we again offer our services to any veteran of your organization in any way we can help him help himself, (not financial aid as we have no money or accept any), in regard to compensation or a job. Our address is 852 Shoreham Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Hazelton A. Purvis,
Chairman.

CORRECTION OF A CORRECTION

Makes us think of Ted Noyes at a state meeting, struggling with an "amendment to an amendment." But anyhow, DOINGS was wrong a SECOND time when it attempted to correct the statement as to who won the prize (?) in the Portland Convention Drum Corps competition.

The Philip Tighe Post of Biddeford, Maine, is NOT a Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but a Post of the AMERICAN LEGION. And we hope to Gawd that's right this time!

And what this bird, Jameson, up in Bangor was raving about our not giving the V.F.W. credit for winning first prize for, is beyond our comprehension. "A plague on both your houses," may the YD wave forever.

ONE WAS CALLED AND MANY ANSWERED

In the September issue of DOINGS a call was made for three missing old issues in order that the Headquarter's file of YANKEE DOINGS might be complete.

We wish we had kept a record of all who sent in the three missing numbers, but we didn't, so that's that. At least ten men sent in two more of them, and even "Slim" Sutherland of Los Angeles, a Rainbow Division man, dug up two out of the three and sent 'em along, "regretfully." (We returned them to him.)

Thanks a million, fellows, our file is now complete — if only the so-and-so who walked off with the bound volume of the first three years would sneak it back — and no questions asked.

FROM P.P. LEN MALONEY

Dear Phil:—

I'd like to use the columns of DOINGS to express to my many friends my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended during my six-weeks' sojourn at the Newington Veterans' Hospital. At first I tried to acknowledge all the letters and cards I received but had to give up when the number passed the 200 mark. So if any one who wrote me did not receive a reply, please understand that it was simply because it was a physical impossibility for me to reply to all.

For the flowers, books, cigarettes, fruit and etc., thanks again. I was able to keep the whole ward supplied. It was swell of everybody.

A week's auto tour of New England made me prouder than ever to be a Yankee and a YD man. We've got something in old New England, gang. Neither the Tyrol, nor Switzerland, nor any other foreign country can surpass the scenic grandeur of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. We did not meet up with many YD men. Stopped off at FRANK JOCK's nifty memorial billet at Kezar Falls, but Frank was at work. Saw Connecticut Markers YD 123, 230 and 763 during our browsing but in each instance they were headed the other way.

Have to hole in for six months, the doctors say, and forego all activities. But I'll be back on the firing line soon. Thanks, a million.

—LEN MALONEY.

CARROLL J. SWAN MEMORIAL FUND FOR CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

To Contributors:

After making a contribution to a charity, I like to hear how the funds have been used, and you probably feel the same.

In July, the accumulated income on the money we raised, which is administered by the Trustees of the Permanent Charity Fund, enabled eighteen under-privileged boys, ranging in age from 8 to 12 years, to enjoy two weeks at a camp on the shores of Four-Mile Pond, Boxford. There these boys had wholesome food, fresh air, swimming, etc., which gave them just what they needed to make their lives happier and more healthful. If you and others of Carroll's friends had not made this possible, they would, undoubtedly, have been deprived of all this, and have had to pass those hot days in their unfortunate surroundings.

The Fund is, of course, still open for contributions and, naturally, the larger we make it the larger the income will be to extend this work in the future.

I hope you will continue your interest in the Fund by mentioning these results to friends and, possibly, by making another donation yourself, so that we may do even more in the years to come.

Cordially yours,
RALPH M. EASTMAN,
Chairman.

A REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

For the purpose of maintaining a balanced historical record of the Yankee Division activities throughout the year, your Historian requests that each Chapter send newspaper clippings of the Chapter's activities from time to time. This should give us a composite picture of the organization as a whole.

These clippings will be pasted in the Historian's scrap book, and when the time and the gifted author arrives, will be available for research and should be highly instructive.

Be sure to indicate NAME of paper, and DATE of paper in which article is published. My wish and aim is to have each and every Chapter represented in the scrap-book record.

—LEROY E. CODDING,
National Historian.
47 Russell St., Keene, N. H.

To the above plea, the Secretary adds his own. When you send an account of DOINGS for printing — especially if clipped from a newspaper, won't you please also send one to Historian CODDING.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WAR

On November 11th, at 7:00 P. M. at the Hotel Somerset, the Boston Chapter of this Order will hold a military banquet and dance. On this occasion it is expected that Governor Hurley; Admiral Belknap, the National Commander; Senator Lodge; Senator Walsh; Mayor Mansfield; General Fox-Conner; Admiral Gherardi will be present and make short speeches. The dinner will be followed by dancing until one o'clock.

The price of the tickets will be four dollars for a single one and seven dollars a couple. All members of the YD are invited to attend. Tickets may be obtained by writing to Major RICHARD H. MILLER, 264 Beacon Street, Boston, or Leon Cox, United Shoe Machinery Corp., 140 Federal Street, Boston.

A GREAT LITTLE FELLA

Hats off to JOE GREENBERG (L Co., 101st Inf.) of New York, for being about the hustlin'est member salesman ever to buttonhole a prospect. During the big Convention, Joe was at the headquarters day and night, until they closed up, and told him to go home. He did break away long enough to parade, but hopped the first subway train back to the Winthrop. If a man got away from Joe without relinquishing his two or three bucks dues, it was because he had a padlock on his pocket.

Joe is in line for the first YD ring of this year, to the men who get 25 or more new members. He claims to have 25, and we believe he has all of that.

'TWOULD HAVE BEEN A YD MAN EITHER WAY

In the special election on September 28, held to fill the vacancy in the lower House of Congress left by the death of the late BILLY CONNERY the two contestants were: Billy's brother LARRY CONNERY (101st Inf.), and EDDY SIROIS (101st F.A.). A YD man was bound to win.

Larry Connery won by a thumping majority in a distinctly Democratic district, and YANKEE DOINGS hereby extends a fistful of orchids. To Eddy Sirois, it can only say that "there should be a law" that that particular district should be represented by TWO Congressmen, and that the two should be Larry Connery and Eddy Sirois.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

In the hopes of reviving the dozen or more dormant Chapters throughout the United States, and bringing them back to a schedule of holding regular meetings and planning a program of social and civic activity, the National President has recently sent a bulletin to the Department Presidents, listing the Chapters in their Department in need of a little shot of H.E. Five of the seven Departments have chapters which have been remiss in sending DOINGS any news of what is going on, and even of holding any meetings at all, so far as is known. The two exceptions are Rhode Island, which has at present only one Chapter anyway; and Vermont, which is going forward at a grand clip under the splendid leadership of Department President ARTHUR SMITH.

Reviving moribund chapters is distinctly the job of the Department head, and the National President has passed the buck to them. He is awaiting their reports that they have visited the spots listed and found out what and where the trouble is.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Not a great deal of news of Maine as a whole has been received since the last issue of DOINGS. Augusta and Skowhegan haven't been heard from in a long while, and there is some speculation whether they are holding the meetings which the Constitution provides they shall hold, or are simply resting on their laurels having been granted a charter.

LEWISTON
"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"

At the recent election of officers for the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the Y.D.V.A., NORMAN S. THOMAS of Lewiston, (101st T. M. B.), was elected president; with JOSEPH CYCHOL of Auburn (B Co., 104th Inf.), senior vice-president; MERLE MAILMAN of Livermore Falls (C Co. 103rd Inf.), junior vice-president; JESSE FARNUM of Lewiston (101st T. M. B.), secretary; ALBERT ROSE of Lewiston, (101st T. M. B.); treasurer; JOHN E. JOHNSON of Lisbon Falls, (I Co. 103rd Inf.), chaplain; JOSEPH KARKOS of Lisbon Falls, (101st T. M. B.), sergeant-at-arms; WILLIAM ROACH of Lewiston, (B Co. 103rd Inf.), historian; with the trustees; ELLIOTT K. HALE of Lisbon Falls, (Hdq. Co. 103rd Inf.), EUGENE BOWDOIN of Lewiston (101st T. M. B.); and LINWOOD JEWETT of Lewiston, (Co. E 103rd Inf.).

Since that meeting the chapter has secured a lease on quarters in the central part of the residential section of the city, a story and a half house at the corner of Sabattus and College streets. The second story is used for storage purposes and on the ground floor, in front, is a large lounging and reading room of suitable size for meetings. A card room, large kitchen and bath room are in the rear of the house. This house is of historic interest being one of the oldest still standing in the city, a relic of the old days when

numerous large farms were located in this section now thickly populated.

Meeting nights of the chapter are the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Arrangements have been completed to secure for Saturday nights the large hall in the Knights of Columbus home on Park street for a weekly entertainment which if successful will be operated at least twice a week.

The chapter is to be represented this winter in a Lewiston-Auburn indoor baseball (darts) league which was very popular a year ago and will also place a bowling team in action.

J. Fred Shaw (103rd Machine Gun Co.), State President, is at present taking cribbage lessons, but his progress has been too slow to date to warrant his issuing a challenge to his fellow National Vice-Presidents for the championship of that group.

—N. S. T.

PORTLAND

Many thanks to the Editor for his kind words about the convention. If those who came down here and did not register had thought of us, things might have been different. At least a third of those present did not register and a large part of them could have done so if they had wished. And many of them were residents of Portland and the State of Maine.

The Chairman of the Information was the unwilling recipient of many wise cracks, because he did not know where the different outfits were staying or where they were going to eat. Very few people are omniscient (and he least of all). There is something wrong with an organization when they can't get more than twenty-five out to a banquet. They can't say that they did not know of it.

Congrats. to Providence on having a man able and willing to underwrite the 1938 Convention. No one down in the neck of the woods would underwrite a shoe string for us. And now that the 1937 headache is over, those who would not do any thing to help us are busy showing us how we could have done better.

For sticking to a job, we refer you to Ernest (Rusty) Newman, (F Co., 103rd Inf.), who as Foreman of the section at Lake View, Maine, C.P.R.R. for 14 years has lost less than a month's time. His father held the same job for over 30 years. Roy Ames, same outfit, B. and A. R.R., has a similar record.

At the C.M.T.C. at Fort Williams, it has been the custom for many years for the different organizations to give a medal to an outstanding student; we did not have any thing left but raspberries, but they were sour so we swallowed them.

The "I-Told-You-So" Club is still holding meetings during the hot weather.

We are glad to note that hard working Bill Spear is back to work again.

We don't want to thank that wild jackass from Mass. YD 104 on his radiator, that drove us on to the sidewalk the other night. We have his number and if he tries that stunt again he won't get home so quick. That's official.

Lovejoy is on the Board of Governors of the Portland Bowling League. After watching the balls the other night, we are sure that a governor is needed.

After over 12 years service, Roy Waterman has received a promotion to Sgt. in the 118th Transportation Company, 43rd Division.

P. W. Witham has received an appointment as guard at Togus. We hope that he keeps an eye on No. 1 Post so they won't take it away. We will miss Percy here in Portland.

Harold Rutter is working in the Green Front store at Westbrook, call in and get something good.

If you want a good meal, call at Valle's Cafe, Woodfords, Maine, and have Mich Kahill cook you a good meal. He can fry clams like those you read about.

For pure and unadulterated comradeship, we nominate "Top" Tyler, who on Aug. 15 made a round trip of over 40 miles to get the writer and then to Augusta, where we, with a host of other 103rd-ers, were guests of Col. Bisbee and the 103rd Inf. They gave us a wonderful time and we appreciate it. We are sorry that more did not go as they had ample notice. It was about 20 years to a day that we left there.

—"Minnie la Tour."

BANGOR

State of Maine Department President Fred Shaw reports he has gotten R. O. Torrey of Bangor interested in attempting a revival of the Chapter which tried to get going there a year ago. A date for a meeting is being arranged for sometime in November, which will be attended by some of the National Officers, and every effort will be made to get the YD men around Bangor — of whom there are many — to take an active interest in the Chapter there.

NORWAY - PARIS - HARRISON

Fred Shaw also states that he has talked with Captain Twitchell of Norway, but has not re-

ceived great encouragement, as employment is low and many of the boys are out of work. However, he is going to plug that sector too. MAYNARD BURNELL, a long-time Y.D.V.A. member living in Harrison, not far from Norway, requested in New York at the Legion Convention, full information and application blanks for a chapter to take in Fryeburg, Bridgeton, Harrison, Norway, Paris. This was sent to him and his name given to SHAW.

WATERVILLE

Waterville Chapter has promised SHAW to hold a meeting soon, and if they do he plans to be present and give 'em the old pep talk.

Chief of Police ALFRED POIRIER is still President of the Chapter, and RALPH BLUNT, the Secretary, has been snatched from bachelorhood and got himself wedlocked. He is a lieutenant in the Fire Department. Lt. CHASE (Supply Co., 103rd Inf.) is in a Waterville hospital, seriously ill with mastoid trouble. Young JOSEPHS (H Co., 103rd Inf.) (we can't tell by Shaw's writing whether his *name* is Young or whether he is just referred to as "young") is the new Commander of the local V.F.W. Post.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

What New Hampshire needs is a little cohesion. Here President RAY DOUCETTE goes up from Lynn, Mass., to Lebanon, a good 150 miles if not more, and comes back with a new Chapter hung from his belt; and not a New Hampshire state officer there to help him out with the task, or even to give any appearance of being interested.

Out of the four old Chapters in the state, news has come in from just one — Manchester. Over in Keene, LEROY CODDING, whom your editor met up at Bellows Falls, Vt., reports that meetings will start in October, and it looks as if TAAFFE and CODDING were just about carrying the Chapter on their shoulders. From Concord and Nashua — nothing.

MANCHESTER

A special meeting of Manchester Chapter was held on September 29 to appoint committees and make plans for our Fourth Annual YD Ball to be held Thanksgiving Night. It is awfully hard to get members to pay their dues this year; some have been contacted six or seven times without result.

—C. A. B.

LEBANON - NEWPORT - CLAREMONT
"Triangle Chapter"

I travelled up to Lebanon, N. H., Sunday, August 22nd, with JOHN SULLIVAN as my bodyguard, and we were met at the entrance to the city by the real leader of this new group, namely LESTER HORTON. He escorted us to headquarters and although a large crowd failed to show up, about 15 of the most enthusiastic and real leaders were on hand and I believe this group will go places.

Claremont, Enfield and Lebanon were represented and after I made my speech, JOHNNIE SULLIVAN gave them a real pep talk and then they conducted a real first class meeting that would do any of the big Chapters justice. STEPHEN TUPPER acted as chairman and LESTER HORTON as Secretary and after considerable debate, "Twin States Chapter" was selected as the name of the new Chapter, to cover Lebanon, N. H., Claremont, N. H., Newport, N. H., Enfield, N. H., White River Jct., Vt., and all surrounding towns.

Then live wire JOE SHARKEY acted as Treasurer and 12 members signed up for a starter, and every man present predicted at least 100 or more would be the goal within the next few weeks. Next meeting will be held at Newport in a few weeks and officers will be elected at that time.

It was requested and granted that they could hold Charter Application for another week or so, to enable them to sign up every man possible and that each man have the opportunity of signing the Charter.

With this section of New Hampshire getting started it looks like a big future for the Granite State. A lot of kidding was shot back and forth as members signed up and TONY GUARINO took the medal for the biggest family, having a group of six YD Juniors at home; STANLEY GATES and GREGORE LOUPIS were a close second with five and who knows but we started a stork derby. After the meeting adjourned, beer and refreshments were served and we departed with gratitude at the fine work and enthusiasm shown by this live wire mountaineer group of good YD men. HORTON, TUPPER, GUARINO, LOUPIS, BLODGETT and TRACHIER had some real progressive remarks for the gathering. Good Luck, Twin State Chapter, and thanks a lot, LES HORTON and the gang.

Sincerely,
—RAYMOND DOUCETTE,
National President.

The first regular meeting of the Chapter was held in Claremont on October 3, and the following officers were elected:

President, ANTHONY GUARINO of Lebanon.

Sr. Vice President, HENRY J. MARCOTTE of Claremont.

Jr. Vice President, J. ARTHUR CLEMENT of Enfield.

Chaplain, CHARLES JUDD of White River Jct., Vermont.

Treasurer, JOSEPH SHARKEY of Lebanon.

Secretary, STILLMAN F. GRAVES of Enfield.

Charter presentation and installation of officers will be held in Lebanon, at 2:00 P. M., on Sunday, November 14. We plan to have some more new members to turn in at that time.

Since the above was written, Twin-State Chapter's charter was granted by vote of the Executive Committee on August 28; and a meeting has been held in Newport — several more members signed up. The charter will be formally presented on a date not yet settled, some time in late October or early November.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Vermont has a "different" way of co-ordinating the activities of its several Chapters. In fact, Vermont is "different" in many ways as attested by last year's election, upon which we make no comment. Instead of holding "state meetings," every time a Chapter meets, fellows from other chapters crank up their cars and go 'a-visit-in'. It works out pretty swell too, adds to the numbers at the meetings and everybody has a grand time.

DOINGS cannot speak too highly of the fine type of leadership ARTHUR SMITH is giving the state this year. He has YD spirit stirred up to the kindling point all over the place. A chapter in White River Junction is practically assured at an early date, and the meetings being held in Rutland, Bellows Falls, Burlington and Montpelier all show that Vermont is out front this year.

BELLOWS FALLS

On the evening of Thursday, September 30, Bellows Falls Chapter officially received its charter, and its officers were duly installed. The installing officer was the National President, RAY DOUCETTE, who had as his sergeant-at-arms, INGALLS SLOCUM of Lynn Chapter. Ray was in regulation Y.D.V.A. horizon blue uniform, and Slocum in the crimson and white of the Lynn Drill Team, making quite an impressive picture.

The meeting was opened in form by President-elect FRED STONE with about 40 present, several coming from Rutland, Springfield, Vt., Keene, N. H., and other points.

In presenting the charter, Nat. President DOUCETTE congratulated Bellows Falls on its tenacity in organizing a chapter, and in its selection of officers for the first year. He also praised Department President ARTHUR SMITH for his fine work throughout the state, and ended by wishing the new chapter, success, growth and a long life.

The officers installed were: FREDERICK T. STONE, President; CARL PRESCOTT, Secretary-Treasurer; and AMEDEE FONTAINE, Sgt. at Arms. The ritual of installation was splendidly carried out by President DOUCETTE and Sgt. at Arms SLOCUM.

Others who spoke included B. MARSH WHELDEN, Past President of Rutland Chapter, RAY COLLINS, Secretary of Rutland and several others.

Preceding the meeting a fine steak dinner was enjoyed at a nearby restaurant, and the hour of midnight had struck before the guests from Boston and Worcester started their long trek homeward. Luck and happy landings, FRED STONE et al!

SPRINGFIELD

No news has been received since the last issue.

MONTPELIER-BARRE

JOE ABAIR writes that what with the A. L. Convention, followed by an Elks Convention, he is just coming back to earth again, and asks that the date be set for receiving the charter of Vermont's baby chapter.

BURLINGTON

"Chittenden County Chapter"

The wind seems to have sort of gone out of the sails of Burlington Chapter since the departure for his home in Philadelphia on September 1, of their live-wire, Secretary RALPH BUTLAND. Don't let it throw you, boys, up and at 'em! DOINGS has, however, a report from BUTLAND on the Yankee Division Day at Fort Ethan Allen on Sunday, August 15, which arrived just too late for the September issue. It follows:

The reunion of the old 1st Vermont and Yankee Division Veterans on "Yankee Division Day" at Fort Ethan Allen, on Sunday, August

15th, was a great success. A review was held at 2:30 P. M. of the 172nd Infantry, which was the old 1st Vermont Infantry prior to being broken up into Yankee Division Units.

The Regiment did beautifully on review, and approximately 100 Yankee Division Veterans, from all the outfits in the old Yankee Division, stood in two rows at the left of Brigadier General Herbert T. Johnson, who is Adjutant General of Vermont. Also Colonel FRED B. "Smoky Joe" THOMAS, one of our old war-time commanders, and Lieut. Governor William H. Wills.

Early in the morning General Johnson saw that we had a large fly-tent set up near the approach to the camp, together with tables, chairs and benches. We ourselves had provided suitable signs, and from 9:30 until 5:30 in the afternoon different members of the Chittenden County Y D Association remained in the tent registering Y D men. We had Yankee Division Veterans from New York State, and all the New England States. Approximately 100 registered in our fly, but many were present who failed to register.

Further, the different companies of the regiment saw to it that the various Yankee Division veterans were fed. As usual some mess sergeant was peeved when a whole mob tried to horn into his mess house, when the word got around that the kitchen canaries in that particular company were doing a grand job with the chicken. Most of us horned in on Company "K" and Sgt. ARTHUR "MITCH" HAMLIN, an old Y D member, put up a terrible howl. But the gang simply shoved in, sat down and made such a racket that "Mitch" had to feed them. Good old "Mitch."

As usual with all events, those you count on the most and expect to come without fail, were A.W.O.L. somewhere, but all in all, we of the Chittenden County Y D Association are tickled to death that we inaugurated and carried through the idea of a "Yankee Division Day" at Fort Ethan Allen, and are very happy with the success we had.

Thank you, so much, for the list of chapters in Maine,, N. H., Vt. and Mass. I wrote to the president of each of them. I noted that TOM JOLLEY's name was crossed off as Secretary of the Lawrence Chapter; but in YANKEE DOINGS noted that he, SIROIS and the red boys in Lawrence had revived things. JOLLEY is the best friend I have in the world. I knew he would come through.

Regards, —BUTLAND.

RUTLAND

Rutland Chapter is on its way again after a month's leave, as ye club could not function without its scribe who was fighting a little war up at Lancaster, N. H., with the Vt. Nat. Guard.

Well, anyhow, we are back and ready for another year of hard labor. Our September meeting held September 2nd at the Rutland Armory with CHARLES (SLIM) LASEBY and his good wife presiding in the kitchen.

Only twenty-one present at this meeting. This is counting LOUIS BRANCHAUD whose application for membership is enclosed. "Just another machine gunner."

President FOOTE presided and a short, snappy business meeting was held. A letter from the N. Y. Chapter regarding the banquet on September 20, was read.

The club also went on record in favor of awarding prizes either as a unit or a department, to outstanding students from Vermont attending C.M.T.C. at Fort Devens next year. This was put in the records and was then tabled to be brought up at a later date.

Our guest for the evening was Colonel Bert Hyland, former skipper of Co A., 1st Vt. Inf., who unfortunately was not assigned to the 26th Div. but who is very much one of us. The colonel spent 29 years in the V.N.G., having first enlisted 44 years ago last June. And then on into the night with stories, experiences, etc., from one who knew the soldiering game from A to Z and back.

—RAY COLLINS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Two meetings of the Department of Massachusetts have taken place since the last issue of DOINGS: one on Septembr 12 at Lawrence, Mass.; one on October 3 in Webster, Mass.

In the rooms of the D.A.V., in Lawrence on September 12, the Y.D.V.A. meeting ran up against the stiffest competition in other attractions yet to be encountered. Mayor LaGuardia of New York City was in Lawrence to address a labor meeting; the Department of New Hampshire, American Legion was holding a drum corps competition in Manchester (and New Hampshire is only about four miles from Lawrence); the 101st Infantry Convention was under way in Woburn, with Sunday set as the day of the big parade; the V.F.W. Post in Lawrence was hold-

ing an outing; and a testimonial dinner was being held in Lynn for LARRY CONNERY — at that time a candidate for Congressman, since elected.

The YD Department meeting was not a large one in points of numbers, and was distinguished almost solely by the fact that the new Department officers for the year were installed by National President RAY DOUCETTE; CLYDE O. ELLIOTT of Worcester taking over the Chair for the coming year. Members were present from Boston, Lawrence, Haverhill, Lynn, Salem, Worcester, New Bedford, Marlborough, Webster and Fitchburg. No one was present from Lowell, Brockton, Clinton, Milford, Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton or Danvers.

National Secretary PHIL SANBORN explained the proposed campaign for funds to erect a monument on Gen. EDWARDS' grave in Arlington. (See elsewhere in this number.) A discussion was held on the proposal of Detroit Chapter to amend the National Constitution to permit YD men who were discharged from the Division before it left for overseas to become members of the Association. No action was taken, as this is a matter to be decided only by a National Convention, and only a record of opinion was sought.

It was voted not to assess any levy upon the several Chapters for funds for the state department expenses at this time, but to seek to collect from the Chapters which had not yet paid last year's levy of 5c per member.

HOWARD W. HUNT, President of the Department of Rhode Island, was a guest of the meeting, and explained the situation in regard to next year's Convention in Providence; stating that the present political turmoil in that state made it extremely difficult to prophecy accurately the eventual outcome — so far as the cash guarantee made by a prominent citizen was concerned. He stated that the latest information was that Mr. Walter O'Hara stood ready to go through with his promise to underwrite the Convention regardless of the outcome of his own personal enterprises.

It was voted to accept the offer of the Department Chaplain, ERNIE PARENT, to help finance the Department by allowing him to sell YD auto radiator emblems at state meetings, said emblems having the regimental number and branch of service as well as the YD monogram. The price of the emblems is $2.50 each to the purchaser, a discount of 50c in lots of a dozen to any chapter.

The mail order sale of Christmas Greeting Cards by the Association was brought up, and it was suggested by President GOGUEN of Fitchburg Chapter that the boxes of cards be sent to the Chapters, for them to make the sales to the members, and retain a portion of the profits.

Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE addressed the meeting on his travels in this and other Departments, and the midsummer growth of the organization particularly in Vermont.

An invitation was accepted from Webster-Dudley Chapter, extended by its President WILLIAM RASZKA to hold the October meeting in the municipal auditorium in Webster; and the invitation of Northampton Chapter for the same meeting was declined with regret and a vote that if Northampton wished the November meeting, it should be held there.

Refreshments were served.

Chaplain ERNIE PARENT also offers a prize each month to the President of the Chapter (not counting the host chapter) which has the largest attendance.

The editor of YANKEE DOINGS did not attend the meeting in Webster on October 3, and no report of the meeting had been received from the Department Secretary up to time of going to press on October 7.

BOSTON

ALBERT W. BARNARD has again been appointed as Chairman of the Annual Military Ball Committee, first meeting of his committee to be held on Thursday evening, October 7. The date and place of this year's Ball: December 3, Copley Plaza Hotel. Watch for notices in future issues of this biggest event of the YD Club year.

President JOE GALLIGAN, than whom no one is less given to over-optimistic statements, authorizes the announcement that developments of the past few weeks concerning the ground-floor of the Memorial Clubhouse, which has been vacant for eight or nine months, have brought about a satisfactory arrangement whereby the Club finances for the present year should balance on the black side of the ledger.

The September smoker was held on the 16th, with Hon. Lawrence Quigley, commandant of the Massachusetts Soldiers' Home and Hospital in Chelsea as the guest speaker. Mr. Quigley proved to be a forceful and eloquent speaker, and left a definite impression of friendliness and a desire to help, among the two hundred or more listeners. He particularly emphasized that the Soldiers' Home Hospital stands ready to check up on the health of any Massachusetts veteran; and that it considers the investment in health

of its patients a saving to the Commonwealth rather than an expense. He cited the fact that some people criticise the fact that veterans are entitled to this service at the expense of the state, but gave an example which should still such criticism. Said Mr. Quigley: "If a man who had been in this country only a week, and was engaged in a speech denouncing this government, should be struck by an automobile and injured, he would be immediately rushed to a hospital, X-rayed and treated. Are the men who fought for the country instead of against it deserving of less?"

He stated that the Soldiers' Home Hospital greatly needs additional facilities, buildings, beds, personnel.

A resolution was passed, placing the YD Club of Boston on record as petitioning the Commonwealth to appropriate funds for carrying out this enlargement of the hospital; a copy to be sent to his Excellency the Governor, the head of the appropriate department, and the House and Senate of the Commonwealth.

A further resolution was adopted that the YD Club of Boston take the initiative in calling together the various veteran organizations of Massachusetts, and urging that a joint resolution be taken by all of them to the same effect as above.

Vice President Ted Wilson presided in the first absence of President Joe Galligan who was obliged to be in Lowell to attend a testimonial dinner to Dan Brennan, Past President of the 101st Infantry Veterans' Association.

The October smoker will be held on October 21, and the speaker of the evening will be Dan Kelly, Massachusetts Boxing Commissioner and one of the best-known sports authorities in the East.

The date of the Annual Military Ball is to be Friday, December 3.

DANVERS

The election of the first regular officers of Danvers Chapter will be held on Wednesday, October 13, and a date set for installation.

HAVERHILL

Haverhill Chapter has submitted no written news report, but it is going along at a fine clip, and is planning to run a dance and entertainment on either Thanksgiving eve or Thanksgiving night, provided the Armory can be secured. More on this later.

BROCKTON

Brockton Chapter held a picnic on August 8, at Long Pond, North Easton, Mass. for the kids — or was it entirely for the kids? Henry Eldredge put the rest of the boys to shame with his expert fly-casting for Cape Cod chickens. Henry Beaudreau was champion log-roller, while Tony Porazzo won the watermelon race for men.

You should have seen Arthur Karlson at the barnyard golf; he made the sort of ringers that champs are made of. Frank Sundling won the hundred yard dash. To where? There is a stand not far from the grove. Joe Duquette waas the champ Adonis in his bathing suit, while Joe Hamlin, the wood-cutter, cut quite a swath.

Leon Higgins won the three-legged race (he couldn't stand on two.) Evelyn Beaudreau has been trained by her husband, and showed the way home in the athletic events for women; also did a swell job with the rolling pin, with Mrs. Duquette a close second. Mrs. Porazzo can also ring the old shoes around the stake; paired with Jean Eldridge they took all comers.

Joe Hamlin's wife took off her shoes and won the hundred yard dash. We wonder what happened to Tony's car. Did someone turn the key or did he shut it off? Esther Rollins did a swan dive in her slacks, and it was a sight to behold.

I don't know the kids' names who won the contests as I was busy uncapping the "tonic" bottles, but I will say a great time was had by all; and that THE BROCKTON CROWD ISN'T DEAD YET!

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Leona Perrault, wife of Bill Perrault, and mother of their three children. She was always an active worker in the Auxiliary, and we shall miss her. To Bill and the children goes our deepest sympathy.

—L. R. H.

HOLYOKE

I am glad to advise that Holyoke Chapter is now duly installed in the newly finished War Memorial Building. We have adequate quarters and are now all set for a successful and active existence.

We hope that a big delegation can come up and see our new quarters and help us with our Installation. The newly elected officers are as follows:

President, Fred Johnson; 1st V. P., Lawrence A. Wagner; 2nd V. P., Ted Main; Secretary, F. C. Heywood; Treasurer, B. C. J. Warner.

Trustees, Wm. H. McGarry, Phil Mathieu,

Fred A. Glens; Chaplain, Harold G. Woodruff; Sgt.-at-Arms, Al L'Heureux; Color Bearers, Wm. K. Traquair, Jos. Bellerose.

—F. C. H.

A tentative date of October 25 has been set for the installation of officers, although this is not absolutely final, and may be changed to suit the convenience of the National President. It is suggested that when Holyoke Chapter knows the exact date, that cards be sent to nearby chapters, such as Springfield and Northampton, inviting them to attend the meeting.

—P. N. S.

LYNN

The following account of the Third Annual Outing of the YD Club of Lynn, which was held last August 15, is pretty old news, but, as it missed the September number by a squeak, it is printed here:

Over 100 YD men from Lynn Chapter with their wives and kiddies, enjoyed the biggest and best outing ever at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, Sunday, August 15th. Baseball, sports, fishing, lunch and a general good time was had by one and all. National President Ray Doucette and Mass. State President Clyde Elliott were guests and several other Chapters were represented.

The big event was the ball game between the Artillery and Infantry, an annual event. In 1935 the Artillery won handily and last year the Infantry, won after a hard struggle. But this year — oh my! oh my! those poor gravel-diggers took it on the chin plenty. The Artillery almost annihilated the poor Infantry by a score of 20 to 7. Claude "Home Run" Hoag captained the winning Artillerymen whose lineup was, "Home Run" Hoag, 1st base; "Mussolini" Doucette, ss; Bill Williamson, 3rd; "Pontiac" Guppy, 2nd; "Can't-hear-You" K. L. Smith, left field; "Cribbage" Thibault, right field; Clyde "Baldy" Elliott, center field; George "P. O." Curley, catcher; Peter "Fire Eater" Perrault, pitcher.

Infantry was captained by Holman "Bob" Stanchfield whose line-up was, "No shoes" Newman, 1st base; Bob "Electric" Stanchfield, pitcher; "Wild Man" Heltye, 2nd base; "Speed" Harvey, center field; "Baldy" Weeks, right field; "Apremont" Kelley, left field; "Terraplane" Smith, 3rd; "Swifty" Streeter, catcher; "Connie Mack" Slocumb, ss; and the umpire, former Representative Michael Carroll, who did his best to throw the game to the Infantry, but the Artillery had just too many guns, that's all. In other words we were just as successful in beating the Infantry as we were in keeping them up there in 1918.

Another feature was the 75-yard dash for YD championship and our robust National President just managed to beat out Hal Guppy, last year's champion. Edwin Streeter's wife won the ladies' 50-yard dash with Mrs. Bob Stanchfield a close second, and Mrs. Rudolph Heftye third. Races were held for the kids, too numerous to mention. Warren "Fat" Barrows and Claude Hoag ran a dead heat in Fat Men's Race, and "Snare-'em" Willis Harvey caught the biggest fish.

Holman "Bob" Stanchfield was general chairman assisted by Charles "Main Deck" Deveau, Ingalls Slocum, Peter Perrault, George Curley, and others. Events concluded at 7 P. M. when the poor soldiers adjourned to the liniment and rubbing alcohol.

At a recent meeting of our Chapter a special election was held to elect a 2nd Vice President with Michael A. Garofano winning out on the first ballot. "Mike" as we know him, is one of our hardest and most sincere workers. He served with Battery E, 101st F. A. and before the war, was quite some football star and has always shown great ability and interest in all athletic affairs. He is married, father of one child and his wife, Mary, is Secretary of our Auxiliary. Good luck, "Mike" and go after those members.

The ladies' auxiliary just put on a real successful "Street Fair" or lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Perrault and cleaned up over $200.00 in one night! Think of it, all in one night! Can't beat these Madames when they get going.

Our annual Armistice Eve Banquet Committee will be appointed next meeting and we expect this year's party will exceed all others and that's saying something.

On Sept. 28th a Stag Party was held at our new Quarters — Ingalls Slocumb was chairman and did a fine job of it. About 100 YD men were present and our good old reliable Ralph Merritt put on movies and a fine program of entertainment and refreshments made all well satisfied.

Lynn Chapter held its formal opening and dedication of its new quarters Tuesday evening, October 5th, and what a grand out-pouring of YD men and their wives. The quarters were very appropriately decorated with YD banners in blue and gold and all visiting friends and

comrades were great in their praise of the general atmosphere of our new home.

Over 200 attended the festivities and the evening was filled with speeches and entertainment, topped off with refreshments.

President GEORGE CURLEY presided over the exercises and among the guests were, National President RAY DOUCETTE, Mass. State Dep't. President CLYDE ELLIOTT, State Dep't. Secretary EDWIN NOYES (and Julie), Chapter Presidents JOHN DWYER of Haverhill, EMILE THIBAULT of Salem and Representative CORNELIUS DONOVAN as well as Commanders from Legion and V.F.W. Posts in Lynn, Swampscott, Saugus and Nahant, along with several guests from other YD Chapters.

Mrs. James Connolly, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary welcomed the ladies. HOWARD SMITH was in charge of committee, ably assisted by JOSEPH FLENNIKEN, HOLMAN STANCHFIELD, CLAUDE HOAG, CHESTER ADRIEN, WALTER SMITH, INGALLS SLOCUM and others too numerous to mention. JOHN SULLIVAN, last year's President, was presented one of Sibley's YD Historys and Representative Donovan was made an Honorary Member of Lynn Chapter. All guests were called upon and gave the usual eulogys of the YD. The party did not adjourn until after 12 midnight. We hope that all YD men will visit our new quarters on Broad St., near Exchange, the coming fall and winter.

Lynn Chapter will again participate in the Armistice Parade and be it noted that Lynn YD Chapter has participated in every Armistice Day Parade, as a unit since 1919. —"MUSSOLINI."

NEW BEDFORD

At a meeting of the New Bedford City Council on September 9, Colonel HAROLD WINSLOW was elected city auditor by the largest vote given any candidate for appointment to department heads.

Col. WINSLOW helped to organize Battery D, 102nd F. A. at the outbreak of the World War and served as a lieutenant in this New Bedford unit throughout the war, being awarded the Silver Star for a Divisional citation during the second battle of the Marne.

In 1921, while serving as clerk of the City Council and Committees, he assisted in the reorganization of the 101st Field Artillery of the Mass. National Guard. He served for several years as Captain of Battery D of this outfit in New Bedford, and then for 13 years as Major, commanding the second battalion, including batteries from Brockton, Taunton and two from New Bedford. He also served as military aide on the staffs of Governors Alvan T. Fuller and Frank G. Allen, and was retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel, M.N.G., last month.

From 1923 to 1936 Col. Winslow was Postmaster in New Bedford, and during his administration he appointed a dozen former members of the old YD to life positions in the postal service. He also acted as coal administrator during the coal famine of 1921-1922.

During the war, then Captain Winslow served as artillery liaison officer with every infantry regiment of the Division. He is a charter member of New Bedford Chapter, and also of Post No. 1, the American Legion of New Bedford, which was organized in his office in City Hall in 1919.

He goes into his new office bearing the best wishes for success of hundreds of YD men and other veterans, not only in this city, but throughout the state. —W. S. W.

SALEM

After a quiet spell of a couple of months, Salem Chapter is coming back to life. Of course we held our regular two meetings a month, and a couple of weinie roasts with our Auxiliary, but that is about all; even the cribbage quartette were affected by the heat and the vacation season.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, members of the chapter and their Auxiliary attended a revival supper at Stromberg's and afterwards went to the Quarters to make plans for the coming Fall and Winter season and have a general good time.

Nominations and election in November — not much life yet. But regardless who is elected, if our plans go through, we will have a bang-up Installation and Military Ball combined.

After all, drinking ice-cream sodas has its good points. Pres. THIBAULT, in his travels from one ice-cream joint to another as the bumble bee goes from one flower to another for honey, has come across one YD man in Salem who makes and sells the best ice cream sodas and sandwiches he has tasted to date, and believe you me he has tasted plenty. This buddy's name is WILLIAM HARRIS (Co. I, 103rd Inf.). Bill not only came across with three bucks but he had some furniture that the Salem Club could use and he offered same free gratis. Also your reporter got him interested in a YD uniform and "Chappie" Robertson was notified to go and fit Bill. How is that for a red hot YD buddy? The funny thing about it is, your reporter has decorated Bill's place of business twice in the last eight years

and never knew he was a YD man till recently. Well, you never can tell.

Any of you mugs who like ice cream sodas, sandwiches, drop in to see Bill at the Elizabeth Candy Shoppe and Tea Room, 136 Essex St., near the Armory, and get the wife a box of Bill's home-made chocolates. You will be in good again.

Next meeting, Friday eve., Sept. 24th your reporter will try to organize his gang together to go to the next Dept. Meeting in Webster. Oh, Ted, if you read this, I have *not* received my notice yet as to where and when the next Dept. Meeting is to be held. Pooh-pooh for you.

—E. J. T.

SPRINGFIELD

Springfield Chapter's success in getting the city government to name the new bridge across Watershops Pond for Gen. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS is noted elsewhere in this issue. Good work, Springfield.

WORCESTER

Worcester Chapter held a meeting on September 9th, in the U. S. W. F. quarters, with 72 in attendance. President AL RAND was in the Chair.

Committee on securing permanent quarters reported and was granted further time to make contacts with city authorities. Remarks of CHARLIE WEBSTER were greeted with applause. Nice work, Charlie.

Department President CLYDE ELLIOTT reported on progress throughout the state. Chaplain PARENT mentioned the death of the mother of MEASTY LANGELIER, and stated that very few members of the Chapter attended the funerals of deceased comrades.

Membership report by Treasurer BILL MURPHY indicated a good number of re-ups and more to come judging by the new faces at the meeting. The meeting proceeded to the business of nomination and election of officers, it being the sense of the meeting that the usual method of promotions of junior officers to higher rank be followed. The elections resulted as follows:

President, MICHAEL EARLY; Sr. V.P., HARRY BLOCK; Jr. V.P., HERBERT BUSS; Treasurer, WILLIAM MURPHY (Re-elected); Chaplain, ERNEST C. PARENT (Re-elected).

Executive Committee: GEORGE R. ELLIOTT, JOSEPH GAUTHIER, SAMUEL SPENCER, HENRY RUSSELL, AUSTIN L. KENNEDY, CHARLES REEVES, LOUIS FISHMAN, JAMES KIERSTEAD, CHARLES RUGG.

The positions of Secretary and Sgt. at Arms are appointive in Worcester Chapter.

Sgt. at Arms LOUIS HENDRICKS escorted the newly elected officers to the Chair, where they were given a rousing hand. The date of Thursday, October 14, was selected for the installation ceremony, which will be held in the Rooms of Post No. 5, American Legion, 54 Front Street, at 8:00 o'clock. All YD members of all chapters invited. A big time is planned, with refreshments. Speakers will be limited to about two minutes.

After the election, refreshments were served, with plenty of Brockert's ale, home-made sandwiches and cake.

—E. C. P.

AMONG THE MISSING

Massachusetts Chapters which have no column of news here can roughly be divided into two groups, those who simply neglected to send the news in, and those which haven't any news because they haven't been holding any meetings. DOINGS won't name any names, but it knows pretty well which are which.

UNIT 290, A. L. AUXILIARY

At the regular meeting held October 7th, the following members were elected to hold office for the year 1938:

President, Mrs. Agnes La Casse; Senior Vice President, Mrs. Mary Smith; Junior Vice President, Mrs. Lillian Lyman; Chaplain, Mrs. Bertha Kenney; Secretary, Mrs. Frances Mulherin; Treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude MacLean; Sgt. at Arms, Mrs. Bertha Whalen; Historian, Mrs. Anna Lane; Executive Board: Mrs. Catherine Collins, Mrs. Anna MacGuinness, Mrs. Claire Poulton.

The Installation and Banquet will be held at the Hotel Minerva on Monday, October 25th. There will be a floor show and dancing after the banquet. Subscription $1.00 per person. We hope to see all our friends at this good time.

Fall activities have already started, Mrs. Gertrude MacLean held a successful whist party at her home on September 28th.

Mrs. Sarah Weiner is holding a whist party for the Auxiliary on Monday, October 18th.

A Rummage Sale will be held some time early in November. We will appreciate any donations of clothing, shoes or household articles that you have discarded. This is a worthy cause. The proceeds will be used for our Christmas Welfare Work.

—Helen S. O'Brien,
Publicity Chairman.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Since my election to the office of National Vice President for Rhode Island, at the Portland convention I have been busy formulating plans for increasing the membership in the Y.D.V.A. in Rhode Island.

Have made several contacts with YD men in Pawtucket and I believe it won't be long before a live chapter will be formed in this industrial city. There is a potential membership of over 200 possible. Pawtucket sent many of her native as well as adopted sons into the Yankee Division.

Woonsocket has been contacted. So far it is rather doubtful just what can be done. I'm told there are sufficient YD men living up there and in the vicinity to form a chapter. I have hopes that this can be done as it will give us a chapter in the northern part of the State.

Westerly and vicinity have been contacted but it seems there are not enough YD men living down there to form a chapter at present. I still intend to keep working on it.

With the very able assistance of Comrade KENNETH R. DENNIS, and local newspaper items, Newport has started to see if a chapter can be formed. This is another doubtful area but some real efforts will be put forth by Comrade DENNIS and myself to put a chapter over if possible. We will have the full co-operation of the Newport newspaper.

I have attended the July and August National Executive meetings held in Boston and Hartford respectively and gained some very worth while information. Also made a visit to Lawrence to the first State Dept. meeting of Mass., under Dept. Pres. CLYDE ELLIOTT.

—HOWARD W. HUNT,
Dept. Pres. of R. I.

Y.D. POST NO. 272, V.F.W.

YD Post No. 272, VFW, held its first fall meeting in the U.T.A., Armory, Harrison St., Tuesday, Sept. 14th. Vacation time must still be in the air because only a small number of members turned out. Past Nat. Council Member Geo. Ilg was present and gave an interesting account of the National Encampment of the VFW at Buffalo. Comrades PARISH and FENNER were delegates but were unable to give any report.

It was reported that Sister Ida Turner, wife of Comrade DUNCAN TURNER, met with a serious accident while attending the Nat. Encampment at Buffalo. She is suffering seriously from a concussion of the brain and a severe scalp injury which required eleven stitches.

After the meeting the card sharks retired to the dugout where cards, hot dogs and liquid refreshments were enjoyed until a late hour.

PROVIDENCE

Providence Chapter, YDVA, opened its 1937-38 season with a meeting held in the U.T.A. Armory on Harrison St., Wednesday evening, Sept. 15th. Pres. LAWRENCE COOK presided. Only 29 members were in evidence. The poor showing was partly due to the fact that several American Legion posts were meeting and making final preparations for attending their Nat. Convention in N. Y., and some of the boys decided to attend these meetings instead of YDVA.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Membership in Providence Chapter stands at 128 as of Sept. 15th. The recess during the summer months is the reason for no increase but with the winter season under way, membership activities will take rapid strides and Providence Chapter is expected to grow.

Reports on the illness of several comrades was given by the Chaplain, JOHN KELLEY. Communications and bills were read and proper action taken.

In the absence of Comrade O'LEARY, who had a previous engagement, Comrade MULCAHEY gave a report of the convention committee named to obtain the Nat. Convention in Providence in 1938. He reported that the committee was successful in obtaining the convention.

A lengthy discussion was held on the appointment of a convention corporation to handle the affairs of the convention. Much detailed information necessary at this time was lacking due to the absence of our contact man, Comrade O'LEARY. Finally to bring the discussion to a head, Comrade MARA moved to table the corporation committee appointments until the next meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

The question of YDVA uniforms was brought up for discussion. Each state has a distinctive piping on the sleeve of the coat and on each trouser leg. It was thought that Rhode Island should now pick the color for use on its uniform. Several colors were suggested during the discussion. Motion by Comrade GREGOIRE that we adopt the Rhode Island Red as the official piping for uniforms worn by YDVA chapters in Rhode Island. Motion was seconded and passed.

Under Good of the YDVA, Nat. Vice Pres. HUNT gave a report on his attendance at the Nat. Exec. Committee meetings. His report was commended by Comrade STEEN who stated it took considerable time and thought to prepare such a complete accounting.

Comrade MARA suggested that a questionnaire be sent to the entire membership to find out what can be done to increase the membership; the attendance at meetings; also to get any ideas the membership might have, etc.

Reverting to new business, Comrade STEEN made a motion to have a committee appointed to talk over ways and means of financing the chapter and assessing the membership, and to report back at their earliest convenience. Motion was seconded and passed. The committee consists of Comrades ED STOREY, LOUIS STEEN, HUGH MEEHAN and GUY KITTREDGE.

Next meeting of Providence Chapter will be October 19th. Adjournment was at 10:15 P.M. followed by refreshments in the dug-out.

—HOWARD W. HUNT,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT MEETING

Willimantic played host to the rest of the State by serving a luxurious clam chowder to about 300 YD men and their families at the Windham County Fish and Game Club, on Sunday, September 12th.

Inasmuch as this was installation day, First Vice-Pres. ED MILLER opened the meeting by asking Dr. KEATING to serve ex-officio as Chaplain, after which a new set of colors were advanced with all due ceremony. Two members of the Windham County Chapter graciously donated these colors, and it only seems fitting and proper to state that they deserve credit for their YD spirit, in that they wish to remain anonymous.

Roll call on chapter attendance showed that several chapters were absent. This was due to the fact that several outings were in progress, and it was impossible for them to be present.

It was also noted that New Milford has requested their charter be revoked and that the National Secretary be notified.

Reports of Comm.: Secretary reported that LEN MALONEY, ANTHONY TELESCA, ED MILLER and RAY KINCAID had accepted appointments to the Legislative Committee for the ensuing year.

New Business: ED O'MEARA formerly of Hartford, now of Willimantic, reported that he has been assured from reliable sources that the Gen. Edwards' Memorial in Hartford will be a realization, time, however, is required for results. LEN MALONEY will no doubt have something to report on this formally. He also offered a resolution framed by Gardiner Hall and himself as follows:

Whereas: the Yankee Division Veterans Asso. Dept. of Conn., convened in regular session at Willimantic, Conn. this 12th day of September, 1937 takes cognizance of the fact that our National Treasury has experienced great difficulty in financing the publication, "YANKEE DOINGS."

And whereas: Said deficit has appeared yearly and caused our National Officers to ponder the continuance of said publication

And whereas: Our National officers have asked for suggestions of enlightening nature to ease this burden.

Be it resolved:

That the department of Conn., Yankee Division Veterans Association go on record of favoring the idea that each and every member of this Department contribute sums in amounts from one (1) to twenty-five dollars to help defray this deficit, and that contributions be mailed direct to our National Secretary, PHIL SANBORN, as soon as possible, so that YANKEE DOINGS can continue as a bigger and better publication.

A resolution, already adopted by Hartford Chapter, was adopted by the Department, endorsing Lt. Col. JOSEPH NOLAN (102nd Inf., A.E.F.), for appointment to the rank of Colonel of the 169th Infantry, C.N.G., upon the pending retirement of Col. ORVILLE PETTY of that regiment. The resolution carried the provision that a copy thereof be forwarded to Governor Wilbur L. Cross.

Remarks were made by several members regarding the naming of the Middletown-Portland Bridge, the "Seicheprey Memorial Bridge." Action has been taken on this by several other Veterans Organizations and it was thought by some that this might possibly be made a realization.

Action was tabled, however, until LEN MALONEY could make a formal report.

It was also moved and seconded that the next regular meeting be held at the Newington Hospital on Sunday, October 10th. Since the meeting, however, our Pres. JOE CUNNINGHAM has

found out that governmental regulations forbid any Veterans Organizations to hold meetings there, and the next regular meeting, October 10th, will be held at the V.F.W. Rooms, 3700 Main St., Hartford, Conn., just north of the Fuller Brush Co., at 3:00 P.M. Each chapter is asked to donate as many cigarettes as possible to make the life of the patients more enjoyable. It was also requested that liaison men at Newington, who are YD men, be asked to help out those who have no affiliation with their organization, but who are in all respects YD men. The committee appointed to arrange for the next meeting as follows: Pres. JOE CUNNINGHAM, AL HERMAN, JOE MORAN, JIMMY YACAVONE, GARDINER HALL and R. KINCAID.

Past National Pres. AL HERMAN then installed JOE CUNNINGHAM as Pres. of the Dept. of Conn., charging him with the duties and responsibilities and asked that we carry on to the goal we seek, 5000 men. He also stressed the necessity of cooperation and loyalty to the officers for the coming year.

Pres. CUNNINGHAM then gave a speech of acceptance and stated that the nominating committee has picked a slate of officers which he hoped the Dept. would accept as follows:

Vice-Pres. EDGAR F. MILLER, Hartford,; Chief-of-Staff, ALBERT W. HERMAN, Norwalk; Secretary, R. B. KINCAID, New Britain, (Bristol Chap.); Treas. FRANK X DOWNS, Waterbury; Sgt.-at-Arms, JOSEPH MORAN, Hartford; Service Officer, THOMAS J. SCOTT, Bristol; Chaplain, WM. AYLWARD, Waterbury; Historian, WM. ADAMS, Norwalk; Judge Advocate, Maj. MICHAEL J. GALLULO, Waterbury; Amer. Officer, Capt. WM. H. WHITNEY, Norwalk.

Pres. Dist. No. 1, JAMES MORRELL, Bridgeport; Pres. Dist. No. 2, CHARLES GARDNER, New Haven; Pres. Dist. No. 3, HARRY T. ROBERTSON, Wethersfield; Pres. Dist. No. 4, GARDINER HALL, Willimantic.

The slate was accepted and Pres. CUNNINGHAM was congratulated for his choices.

It was then announced that clam chowder would be served, and what Chowder! Beer, of course, was available as were other delicacies too numerous to mention. To help defray the cost of the meeting, Willimantic raffled off a lady's silk umbrella, a lady's hand bag, and a clock, all very nice and worthwhile gifts.

—JOS. J. CUNNINGHAM, *Pres.*

R. B. KINCAID, *Sec.*

BRIDGEPORT

The fall and winter season of Bridgeport Chapter started off with a bang on Monday evening, September 27th. A spirited large attendance came, apparently pepped up to go places from now on. Plans were formulated for an Armistice Day Dinner, exclusively YD. It will be a mixed affair this year and pandemonium shall reign (in a dignified manner). All for fun and fun for all, on a no-profit-to-the-chapter basis.

A turkey raffle, for turkey time, is also in the works, and after the moneys are counted from this, the local chapter should be in the money plenty.

AL HERMAN, Past National Pres., was with us. And was he hot? Just like old times, and as usual he stole the show. And our own Dr. SPRAGUE, who was seriously ill recently, but has now fully recovered, was very much with us. Dr. SPRAGUE made one of his usual good talks and a very generous offer which adds another to the many he has given to this chapter and its members.

The meeting ended with refreshments.

—R. R. R.

HARTFORD

Let's have it on the record straight. Hartford Chapter is second in the size of its membership only to Boston. It is the only Chapter outside of Boston with over 200 members. A world of credit to its last year's President ED MILLER, its this year's President JOE FOLEY, its all-the-time Treasurer BILL SULLIVAN, and to the bunch of hustlers who have put it up amongst the top-notchers. The Y.D.V.A. would like to see a spirited race for second position in membership. Lynn and Worcester, Mass.; New Haven, Conn.; Providence, R. I.; and New York City are all within shooting distance of Hartford. What will the final figures show on December 31?

—P. N. S.

Wanted some kind hearted member who will have the time to send in some news from Hartford to YANKEE DOINGS, who will offer this service.

Your local Chapter has already started its monthly meetings and we need a larger attendance. Arrangements are being made to get speakers for every meeting, and if the plans go through we will have one or two very interesting speakers at the next meeting. Of course we could tell you in this article who they might be,

but it is up to you to attend and get that surprise.

One of the interesting side lights of the last meeting was when a knock came at the door, and when MIKE PROCCACINO, who was acting as sgt.-at-arms opened the door one of the National Guardmen wanted to know if this was the Intelligence Section. He should have known better than ask that question after seeing Mike, who had just arrived fresh from the VFW convention at Buffalo.

Arrangements are being made to hold the fall outing in the early part of October, but if more interest isn't shown, your officers will have to let these plans go, for it is hard work planning these outings and then having a small gathering.

Start the year right and get behind your chapter.

—W. L. S.

NEW HAVEN

The dedication on Armistice Day, November 11th, of the Corporal Timothy F. Ahearn Memorial by New Haven Chapter, Y.D.V.A., will bring to a successful conclusion over two years of hard work by the YD men of the Elm City. Contracts for casting the huge nine-foot likeness of the doughty New Haven youth, and carving and erecting the granite base, were recently awarded at a special meeting of the Ahearn Committee.

Soon after the establishment of the local YD Club the members undertook the Ahearn Memorial venture. JOHN T. DILLON was named chairman and the idea was not only to perpetuate Ahearn's feats in the World War but to erect in New Haven, a memorial as well, to the enlisted men of the Yankee Division. That is why the front of the monument will bear this inscription, "He best exemplified the spirit of the enlisted men of the 26th Division."

The New Haven Chapter is anxious to make a banner day out of the dedicatory exercises. All chapters and national officers are invited to the ceremonies, and ROYAL K. HAYES, Past National Americanization Officer, has been asked to make the dedicatory address. The program is in charge of Col. JOSEPH T. MARINAN, who has handled many successful similar affairs in New Haven.

The Ahearn Memorial comprises a bronze statue of Ahearn; who is shown writing his famous message on the envelope of a letter from his mother. The pink granite base symbolizes a trench and will be four feet six inches in height and four feet high in back. The memorial will be located on the west bank of the West River Memorial Boulevard on a high eminence overlooking one of the city's most heavily traveled arterial highways.

During the World War Corporal Ahearn, then but eighteen years of age, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Italian and French War Crosses. On October 25th 1917, near Verdun, the young Corporal suddenly found himself the senior non-commissioned officer in his badly shattered company. All the officers and other non-coms had become casualties. Timmy assumed command of the outfit and led it all through a trying day, climaxing the day's feats by carrying a wounded officer to safety in the face of heavy machine gun fire.

The message Ahearn sent to his regimental commander read: "I have made two skeleton platoons of four squads each. Pvt. KEENEY is hereby made acting first sergeant. I am ready for any duty I am called upon to perform. I am ready for replacements."

It is hoped that all chapters will have representation at the dedicatory exercises. The New Haven gang wants your cooperation.

—L. J. M.

NORWALK

Knock-knock. Who is there? Only BILL ADAMS. Do you mean "Old Bill" ADAMS of yesterday? Sure, that's me. Well here I am once more batting for Norwalk Chapter.

The other evening my old pal, "Pontiac" AL SINSKI carried out one of his ideas, and, came a-pontiacing for your old time, well, what ever he is, leave that out. To my utter amazement he whizzed yours truly down to see JIM POWERS and his pack of YD broncos.

The thought behind this trip was, first the new 1937 car, and secondly, for me to be taken from my camp by the side of Lake Candlewood, where I have been since that old fiend "poison from teeth" set me back since last Thanksgiving Day.

Anyway, off we two dukes of the road gasolined our way to Norwalk, there to enjoy the pleasures to be found in the midst of JIM POWERS and his gallant workers, who by the way have forty paid-up members to date. Jim, you are a lucky boy, that hand is O K.

The main point which I wish to stress here is, as long as this gang in Norwalk can hobble, crawl or be carried to their YD dugout, the memory of "Daddy" EDWARDS will live — as long as they have a heart that will beat.

Memories of that meeting: TONY CARRINI

asking for information about the $2,000.00 unspent by Norwalk's Welcome Home Committee. AL HERMAN not satisfied with an ordinary white man's bottle of beer, but goes in for the cave man's size. Gosh Al, where in Hades do you put it all? Good old SAM POLLEY showing up all dressed up like he was attending a vets' meeting and not enjoying a good sleep.

Short Wave Flashes: 38% of our members attending meetings. The ladies equal this right along. Pres. JIM POWERS assigning teams to canvass each ward in Norwalk for old and new members. Treas. BILL WHITNEY and his loyal family always spreading smiles and happiness, and Bill reporting a fine bank account balance for the chapter.

Our Auxiliary banqueting the boys on Aug. 28th, a yearly event for the ladies, God bless them. About twenty of our gang will head for Pitman's dugout in New York City and enjoy the hospitality of the YD chapter there, and help swell the YD lineup in the Legion parade. Arrangements for Armistice Day are in the works. Cars to be lined up for department meetings, so that we will have a goodly number from the city by the sea. Sec'y. HENRY WOODS is not altogether satisfied with forty members, so he gave an excellent pep talk which aroused a new feeling of go-forwardness. Al added his usual wave of fireworks on getting members in. We miss BARNEY CLARKE, just as much as we miss the rest of our pals. Now as I am out of my hibernation, you may be bothered again with a few lines from,

—"Old" BILL ADAMS.

Norwalk Chapter was very active through the summer months in spite of the intense heat, holding meetings weekly at the homes of various members instead of in the club rooms. To end the summer season, the Auxiliary were hosts to the men in a nicely prepared supper at the General Putnam Inn at Westport on August 28. The party didn't break up until "morning mass." Past Nat. President AL HERMAN, Past Auxiliary Presidents, Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Whitney, and President Mary Anderson were each presented with a gift.

The annual field day at Ingraham's Grove in August was a success financially and otherwise. Even the rain couldn't wet down the YD spirit.

On September 11, starting off the fall season, Old Timers' Night was held in the quarters, and brought back to the fold several old and several new members. HENRY WOODS and TONY CARRIONE were caterers, hot clam chowder, hot dogs, coffee and beer. A surprise visitor was BEN PITMAN, President of New York Chapter who told of the plans for the big shindig during the Legion Convention — all of which will be history by the time this appears. Over 30 Norwalk members attended this great time.

Even though the season was over, the Club staged a hot-dog roast on September 16 at Calf Pasture Beach together with the Auxiliary.

A few words about our BILL ADAMS. After a year of sickness, Bill finally got around to a meeting, and what a happy feeling to have "Old Bill" back with us again. Hard luck has been Bill's middle name. Let's hope from now on, sunshine will drop in and stay with you, Bill.

—S. P.

STAMFORD

Stamford Chapter has had anything but a quiet Summer. Well attended meetings have been held twice a month, and in addition we put on an outing on September 12th that turned out to be an event. There were more than 350 comrades present and we were tickled to see YD men from Norwalk, Bridgeport, New Haven and New York. Featured at the outing were alleged games and sports which went off with the usual gusto.

The big event of the summer was, of course, the big Legion Convention party in New York. Stamford Chapter wants to go on record with a big vote of thanks to the New York Chapter for the swell party they staged. Having had some experience with BEN PITMAN in our own chapter, we knew he'd run a real event in New York.

The chapter is planning to conduct a series of Saturday night dances every week during the winter in the Casino, Suburban Avenue, Stamford. (This ought to be labelled *Advt.* because we'll be glad to see any of visiting comrades at the Casino this winter. It's a grand place for dances and the total tax is fifty cents.)

—C. B. L.

BRISTOL

WILL N. SALLADIN, President of Bristol Chapter, has made a public statement in the local newspapers, recording Mont Sec Chapter as taking absolutely no sides in partisan political contests; a stand which cannot help but reflect credit upon the organization.

JOSEPH F. DUTTON, an Honorary Member of the Chapter and also of the National Y.D.V.A., who was wartime Mayor, is a candidate for Mayor again.

President SALLADIN, while speaking affectionately of Mr. Dutton, holds to the stand that the church a man worships in, or the candidate he votes for is his own individual business, and refuses to have the YD Chapter sponsor or endorse even one of its own Honorary Members.

WILLIMANTIC

A report of the Department meeting at Willimantic appears at the head of this department.

On Sunday, September 19, about 14 of the Willimantic Chapter boys enjoyed an outing down at the cottage of RAY KAVANAUGH, down by the salt water at Sound View. A swell time was had by all, and our thanks to Ray and his genial wife for entertaining the boys. We are now working out plans for an active winter season. —G. H. H.

AMONG THE MISSING

Whassamatter, Waterbury, Meriden, New Britain, Valley, Terryville, Wallingford, Winsted, Manchester?

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DETROIT

With the summer season over we are getting ready for fall and winter activities. Having already sent out the clarion call to non-members and organizing for the personal-contact committee to start operations, we expect to have a far better year than the last one. Though we have steadily progressed, it isn't sufficient to warrant our neglecting any possible method to gain additional members. We are out for a bigger, better, and more interesting club than ever before.

The following is a report of the good time we had at PETE SADY'S:

The stag party given by PETE SADY to the YD men in Detroit went over with a bang. The raiding party attacked the dug-out from all sides, locating their objective by a welcome sign hanging on the door. Skirting the outside and following a path around the side, one by one, the raiders entered the dug-out and began a hand to mouth combat with the "Dutchman" in the corner. As the battle waxed more intense, and ravishing hunger beset the combatants, the Sady ration detail on the way to the front was completely annihilated. Their objective attained, the warriors continued a desultory attack upon the "Dutchman" while looking for new fields to conquer. Espying an army cot, a blanket, and packs of cards, the attacking party spread out in skirmish formation circling the field and commenced a barrage of straights, flushes, and full-houses, feinting at intervals and getting away with it and occasionally having their bluff called, the attackers wound up with a complete victory, leaving a demolished dug-out with the remnants of what was once a good, full, "Dutchman," and a well supplied kitchen.

When the roll was called they found the Infantry (BRACKETT and SWEENEY), the Engineers (RITTENBURG), well entrenched with the funds. While the M.P.'s (GUITTAUD), the Ammunition Train (SMITH), "holding the bag" empty. The supporting men masking their losses, joined the official observors, MUNSELL, DAVIS, "C. C." (Coca Cola) SWARTZ, and "Iodine" SAWYER. The sector, PETE SADY'S residence, supplied the raiders with plenty of sustainance and thirst quencher and, with appetite satisfied, the war was called off with many thanks to Mister and Madame SADY for a wonderful time.

—D. S.

The following letter, sent by Detroit Chapter to potential members is so excellent, so filled with the spirit of what makes the Y.D.V.A. what it is, that DOINGS hereby reprints it in the hope that some other chapters will send similar letters to their prospective members, and then follow it up — as Detroit is doing — by personal contact.

Dear Comrade:

We have been corresponding with you over a period of time. We have informed you of the various activities that have taken place since our organization. It has been a pleasure to notify you of our regular meetings. And we have forwarded to you a copy of the national organ, YANKEE DOINGS, the official magazine of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

This official national organ is not just a magazine. It is the tie that has kept contact with the thousands of YD men throughout the country for the past eighteen years. It has brought together the men who served side by side during the war. It has been the means of bringing to you real, definite, and latest news of men about whom you have been wondering. You, no doubt, have read the contents from cover to cover and enjoyed every word printed. Why? Because it meant something to you. Because it contains and expresses the same feeling you and the thousands of other YD men have for each other. It

is your magazine. It exemplifies everything of which you are proud and everything that you have done. That is why you should fill in the application blank, enclose three dollars for dues, send both to Treasurer JOHN H. GUITTAUD, 7407 Dunedin Street, Detroit, Michigan, and enjoy living the past all over again with the men of the Yankee Division.

Let us hear from you today.

LOS ANGELES
"Southern California Chapter"

After two months of vacation, the YD Club of Southern California resumed activity on the first day of September with a business meeting given over largely to planning for the 7th Annual Picnic which was held at Centenella Park, Inglewood, California, on Sunday, September 12th.

As the sun rose over the mountains that morning it saw the cooks and bakers of the outfit hard at work at the field ranges getting ready for the early arrivals.

The morning was occupied with greetings and pleasant chats with buddies who hadn't seen each other for a long time. WALTER LEONARD, who came down from Fillmore, some sixty miles, had an especially happy reunion with LESLIE C. MORGAN, a buddy in A Battery, 102nd F. A., whom he had not seen since the war. Another member who traveled far to be with us was VOLNEY GILSON, 101 Ammunition Train, from Santa Barbara, one hundred miles away. Gilson informed us that he had seen General GLASSFORD at the Clubhouse dedication ceremonies of Santa Barbara Post No. 49, American Legion.

A great basket lunch was enjoyed at noon with an abundance of good things being shared by all.

Presently, CHARLIE OLSEN drove in with a ration cart full of ice cream and a mighty cheer went up from YD juniors.

After the meal had settled a bit, there was a general exodus from the picnic grove to the baseball field to witness the comical spectacle of a ball game which was temporarily stopped by the gendarmes until "DUSTY" RHODES, our silver-tongued attorney, convinced them that our permit called for baseball.

The game was a typical picnic ball game with a soft ball for ammunition, although FRANK MEREDITH said it was none too damn soft, speaking from his experience of having been hit on the knob with it a couple of times while umpiring. The uneven sides were composed of men, women and children, each player batting forty times or more, while the poor fielders slipped and fell and ran and chased the ball all over the lot. Oh, my, but it was a scream! Exhaustion rather than darkness brought it to an end. The score? Skip it!

Just about then a runner appeared with a message that a man across the street had a keg of beer he wanted emtied so all the empty-ers volunteered their services right away.

Late in the afternoon a program of races and games for children and grown-ups was held after which PETE DANFORTH distributed candy to all.

It was a happy affair and everyone who was present said they had a good time.

JOHN FARQUHAR, (Supply Co.), WALT STUDLEY, (K and E Co.), PAT COLLINS, (M Co.), and FRANK MEREDITH, (K Co.), four veterans of that great regiment, the 101st Infantry, made the occasion a local get-together to celebrate the big Regimental Reunion which the 101st was having the same day at Woburn, Mass.

Wednesday, September 11th, the 104th Infantry veterans sponsored a program of entertainment for members of the YD Club, their families and friends. Past President JOHN FOX lined up a nice entertainment with a fine concert by Squadron No. 43, Sons of the American Legion Band, from Hollywood, and a most interesting talk on China by Captain Charles D. Bayliss, U. S. Marine Corps, Retired, who saw a lot of service in that country.

It is my sad duty to report the suicide on September 17th, of WAVERLY P. WAGGONER, a veteran of the 103rd F. A. Funeral services were held on Monday, September 20th, at the Hollywood Cemetery Chapel. He was Executive Vice President of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Los Angeles, and is survived by his wife, mother and brother. He was not a member of the YD Club and it was only through press accounts of the tragedy that it was learned he served with the Yankee Division. A letter of condolence was sent to the family.

On Thursday, September 2nd, FRED M. MONTGOMERY, K Company, 104th Infantry, was installed as Commander of Highland Park Post No. 206, American Legion, and invited all his YD comrades to attend the meeting.

The Sixth Annual Picnic of the Southern California Council of Combat Division Associations was held at Sycamore Grove Park on Sunday, August 29th. Upon the register of the 26th Division were two names which were not on our mailing list, WALTER D. KOLB, 3033 Theresa

St., Long Beach, (F Co., 104th Infantry), and FRANK G. BENNETT, 324 West Opp St., Wilmington, (G Co., 104th Infantry). So, you buddies who have been wondering where they are, there they are. —G. K. M.

NEW YORK

New York Chapter might well rest on its laurels with no Chapter news at all, after its truly magnificent job of maintaining a headquarters for YD men throughout the entire five days of the American Legion National Convention. This is told of elsewhere in this issue. Over 800 YD men registered on the books there, with their addresses, regimental outfits, and whether or not they are members of the Y.D. V.A. (A large percentage were already members, many of those who were not signed up, and the rest are now on the records and we are going after them.)

However, with all this, 'POP KNICKERBOCKER' has submitted also his regular report of Chapter meeting, which follows:

The regular September meeting of New York Chapter was held on Thursday night, Sept. 16th, at the Prince George Hotel. It was set ahead to this date due to the Legion Convention.

The meeting started at 8 o'clock, after dinner had been served in the Grill Room, and was attended by 42 members.

President BEN PITMAN opened with the regular ritual and was followed by the reports of Secretary "WHIT" WASHBURN, Treas. HARRY BURT, Legion Convention Chairman BOB DICKSON, Membership Chairman JOE MCGLONE, and Welfare Chairman BART KILEY.

BOB DICKSON reported that he was sure everything was in readiness for the YD Convention, in which the American Legion would take also a small part.

Preparations were made to register every YD man that came to New York at the Winthrop Hotel Headquarters so it would be possible to give out any information that was necessary.

Tickets for the YD Banquet to be held on Monday night were going fast and it was expected that 400 would be present.

Secretary WASHBURN read answers to the invitations mailed out to distinguished guests numbering 20 or 25.

The meeting adjourned after an hour of entertainment furnished by the members.

"SONNY BOY" HEROD late of G3 told a few that were very new, to us. HEROD sure does hold his age.

—"POP" KNICKERBOCKER.

ST. LOUIS

We don't know exactly whether or not this is St. Louis Chapter news, but a St. Louis fella started it all. This hombre was JOHN MORRISON, Secretary of the Chapter, who showed up, clad in the cutest pale blue smock at YD headquarters in the Hotel Winthrop in New York, with the announcement he had an order from the Anheuser-Busch Co. for ten cases of Budweiser, to be issued at the New York branch thereof, somewhere up around White Plains (162nd Street not to stretch a point too far). The only thing necessary was to "go and get it."

A couple of bozos — your sometimes dignified Editor being one of the two, volunteered for the dangerous mission; the gang present kicked in a collection for taxi fare, and forth we went. Finding the place wasn't so bad, with the help of newsboys riding in the subway, ladies coming home with their daily groceries, etc., etc., and getting the beer was fairly easy too. But to dig up a cab proved quite a job: the first fella ran out altogether when he took a look at the job.

The ride down town was a triumphal march unequalled since the Beer Parade at time of repeal. In generous mood, the two volunteers drew up alongside each crossing cop, shoved a bottle of beer into his hand, pulled away leaving the oddest expression of amazement on their faces it has ever been our good fortune to see. What was left (the taxi driver rated six bottles, we not having enough cash for the fare), was distributed to the parade which marched down to the YD banquet that evening, each man marching down Fifth Ave. with a bottle either in his hand, or tilted to his mouth.

As we said in the beginning, this isn't strictly St. Louis news, but a Chapter with a Sec. like JOHN MORRISON ought to go places, and we're looking forward to hear of other feats of prowess.

WASHINGTON

The YD Club of Washington held its Annual Picnic and Field Day at Fort Belvoir on Saturday, August 21, but, unfortunately neglected to send DOINGS an account of the casualties, the honor roll, and list of citations.

What was sent was one of the swellest advance notices ever seen, from the fertile brain and agile hand of President DAVE HERMAN. Among the masterpieces of salesmanship: "The day is a Design for Enjoyment. For the men, a chance to be kids again; for the women release from the cares of household duties; for the

kids a little paprika for the summer vacation." Among the events: "A beauty contest for the men (I could pick the winner with my eyes shut — the only way a winner should be picked)." "A horse-shoe pitching contest — originally scheduled as a bull-throwing contest, but we couldn't find a bull, only throwers." "Famous renditions of infamous songs by the Club Quartette from Rigor Mortis (I've heard these boys before, so prepare for the worst). Someone should bring in the Barber of Seville with a well-honed razor."

If the picnic went off to the tempo of the notice, it must have set an all time high in hilarity and hysteria.

MISSING

Nothing from Chicago or Cleveland, although both were doing well at last accounts. Nothing from Denver or Newark, which seem to be doing poorly.

Many of the old timers among readers of YANKEE DOINGS complain from time to time, both in speech and in writing, that they seldom see news from their old regiments, companies, batteries, nowadays.

The transition from a Divisional organization made up of semi-official regimental organizations to one made up of geographical Chapters has been slow but inevitable. The men of the old regiments have drifted all over the face of the earth. They cannot meet oftener than once a year — at the regimental reunions held by some of them. To try to keep an active association going, comprised of sub-divisions which cannot function as local units is impossible. Thus the Chapter system was born, in which men of ALL outfits, if they chance to live in the same locality, can meet monthly or even oftener, and contribute actively to the bloodstream of the entire Association.

Nevertheless, to most of us, the glamor of the name of our old regiment, whichever it may have been, still exerts a strong heart-tug. Our Chapter is of the later, peace-time days; but our wartime regiment was the unit in which the unbreakable ties were forged, and whether those comrades are now in Skowhegan or South Africa, it is of them we most like to read.

So DOINGS will never abandon this department of its make-up. It will always welcome more and more items of a purely regimental nature; news and gossip from the little company units, with names known to every other man in the company. Please help us out; do not let this part of the magazine die out. You know, we'll wager, where a dozen, maybe fifty, men of your old company are today, and what they are doing. Let DOINGS know that all may know. That is the stuff on which the loyalty to the old Division is founded.

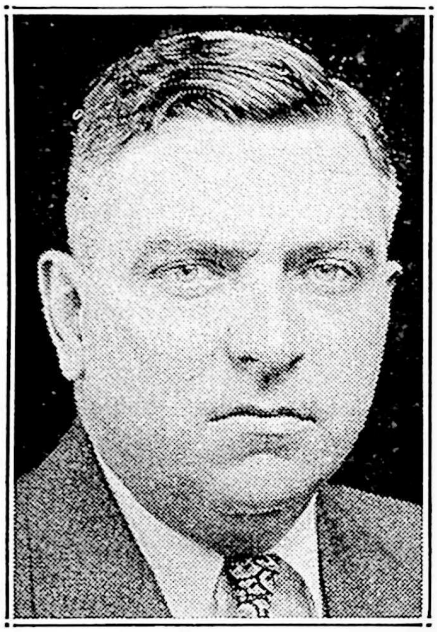
The Annual Convention at Woburn

The Convention and Reunion of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association in Woburn on September 10, 11 and 12 reached the high-water mark thus far in these annual affairs. More men registered, more were in the parade on Sunday, and the Convention was in all ways the biggest to date. The months of effort on the part of Chairman JIM SHEERAN, President "KNOCKO" McCORMACK and others were well repaid.

No member of the regiment has sent in an account of the actual highlights for YANKEE DOINGS, and your editor was able to attend only the business session on Saturday morning, the 11th, so received but a partial idea of what was going on. On the 12th, the day of the parade, he was obliged to be in Lawrence at a meeting of Mass. Dep't., Y.D.V.A.

But it was a big-time Convention. That much could be gathered by the fine coverage given by the metropolitan papers of Boston; and the parade, under Maj. WILLIAM W. WADE as Chief Marshal, was the largest ever held in the city of Woburn. Much credit must be given to the perfect co-operation given by Mayor EDWARD W. KENNEY of Woburn.

Highlights of the business session on Saturday was the address of the regiment's "Old Man," Gen. EDWARD L. LOGAN, and the re-election as President of EDWARD "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK as President of the Association. JACK MAGUIRE of Waltham headed the resolutions committee, and several resolutions were adopted, one aimed against subversive, un-American activities, and one against the compulsory pension contribution system to be applied to veterans under Mass. Civil Service.



JAMES H. SHEERAN
General Chairman

Among the many events of the three days, in the crowded program planned by the Committee, were such events as a flag-raising on Woburn Common on Friday morning at 9 o'clock, with Mayor Kenney officiating, band concert and block dancing, professional boxing matches at the High School stadium, fireworks, marathon race, football game, (NOT among members of the regiments, but two regular teams); horrible's parade; Catholic and Protestant memorial services on Sunday morning; and of course, biggest event of all the military parade on Sunday afternoon.

After all, a Convention, even if you attend the whole of it, is a pretty hard assignment to report, and it is a hundred-fold as hard if you are only there an hour or two. So with apologies, and just a slight lift of the eye-brow toward the fellows who might have sent in a more complete account but didn't, we'll have to let it go with the statement that the boys had a grand time, and made the welkin ring with the name of the old 101st Infantry.

On Saturday evening, November 6, the men of the regiment, together with his countless other friends, will tender a testimonial banquet to "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK at the 101st Regiment Armory on East Newton Street, Boston. This should be an affair long to be remembered. The tickets are $2.00, and can be purchased at the YD Club of Boston. Knocko has done an awful lot for others; now the boys plan to do something for him. Every one who can should plan to be on hand.

The Annual Memorial exercises to the deceased members of the regiment was held in St. Bridget's Church, Framingham Center, on Sunday, August 22, with Chaplain, the Reverend MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR officiating. Originally scheduled to be held on the Framingham Muster Field, the stormy weather forced an indoor holding of the exercises.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

The first Executive meeting of the new year was held at the Hotel Bancroft in Worcester on Sunday, September 28th.

AL BENNETT, the new Commander, presided; about fifty attended. Major BAILOT gave his report as the Chairman of the 1937 reunion held at North Adams.

LAWRENCE A. WAGNER was again elected Adjutant for the coming year.

A report of the Apremont Monument Committee was given by Past Commander HAROLD WOODRUFF, that the bill had been passed by the Legislature at the last session to move the monument to the new place selected, and the work is expected to be completed by spring.

ED MALEY brought in an invitation from the City of Springfield to hold their next reunion there in 1938. It was accepted and we will go to Springfield next April.

The Apremont Day Services of the 104th will be held at Westfield on November 7th at 11 A. M.

C COMPANY

The company is very well represented in the Regimental Association this year with AL BENNETT as Commander, JIM LEIGH as the Judge Advocate, and ROLAND COOK as Sergeant at Arms.

The Company was not very well represented in New York at the Convention only five registered at headquarters of the YD at the Hotel Winthrop. JOE PAUL of Spencer, WENDEL TUTTLE of Worcester, MIKE ZONFRILLO of New York, JOHN MEAGHER of Brooklyn, and GUY WATTS of Boston.

ED GRIMES who is living in New York and working at 23rd and 10th Ave., was visited a couple of times and any of the company that visit the Big City should drop in, as he is always glad to see any one from the old company.

DENNIE WALLACE was a recent visitor at the Club in Boston and although he expected to make the New York trip,, do not think he did.

HERB JEFFRIES attends all the Smokers and also the Post affairs at the Club.

—H. G. WATTS.

SIGNAL CORPS SIGNALS

Well, I seem to have stopped my journeying, for a while, anyway, and am "at rest" here in Los Angeles, office 217 E 17th Street, 'phone RIchmond 5541.

"FRENCHY" DESBORDES has been very ill with intestinal "flu" which was followed with pneumonia. However, he is now well on the road to health, but still has to stay inside; the first time I went to see him I found the GEORGE BULMERS there.

ROY BECK spent his vacation in Chicago where he attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his parents.

ROY A. SYLVESTER has been transferred from Oceanside, Calif. to San Onofre where he is station master for the Santa Fe. Roy hasn't been very well lately so this place, right along the beach, ought to be good for his nerves. I am going down over Labor Day, and am looking forward to it.

The J. LEWIS COURTERS are being transferred from Johnstown, Pa. to New Jersey — Newark, I believe. (See "News Items from Here and There.")

I wonder if RUSSELL HOBBS got the fishing fever from the Frenchmen? Or perhaps they didn't go in for that so much during the late guerre; however, most every Saturday and Sunday finds Russ "angling" his way to the beach to compete with other fishermen.

FLOYD MAXWELL is now with the Monarch Brewing Company here in Los Angeles.

"BOB" BUTLER's daughter, Rosita, who, by the way, has been in several of the larger moving pictures, has been very ill for nearly two months; I just 'phoned to Mrs. Butler and find that "REGG" JONES has not been with the Exide Battery for a year or more. For a while he was one of the secretaries of Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., and, after the election of Lodge, "REGG" accepted a billet with the Army Engineers in Boston. He's in the safety section "Helping to keep the boys from killing themselves and each other!"

One day in mid-July I went over to the Los Angeles County Hospital where I met and had lunch with LEROY R. BRUCE after which I went on a "tour of inspection".

Some friends whom I met since I came out here decided to go to Northern Wisconsin for two months and offered me the use of their home so I'm living in a seven room, two baths, duplex — quite a nice billet?

—GEORGE W. TWOMBLY.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

F COMPANY

Sgt. LAWRENCE COTIE is in Rutland Hts. Hospital, has been there for several months, but the report is that he is making good progress, and we all hope so. Drop him a line.

First of a dozen or so to come through with the three missing back numbers of DOINGS asked for last month, was JOE CICCOLO. Good old F Company!

At the Legion Convention in New York, we bumped into quite a few F Company men. ERNEST KLUGE was there of course; that's his home sector, but we didn't see as much of him as we'd have liked to. Others to barge in and out (and we had to drink with most of 'em — not that we minded) were HANK HANLEY from Bridgeport, Conn., HAROLD DAVENPORT from Dunellen, N. J., DAGRAGH HIGGINS from points in the U. S., LEA REDFIELD, "DEWEY" REDMOND of N. Y. C., who returned to the fold as a member of New York Chapter, JULIUS FEDEL, not exactly an F Co. man but one of the medico orphans. We saw the name of CHARLIE DAVIS in the register, but we never seemed to meet him. We're sure there were others, but we can't seem to remember. Somehow, those four days are terribly foggy!

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

J. L. "Lew" Courter (C Co., 101st F. Sig. Bn.) wishes his friends to know that his new address is 33 Stocker Rd., Verona, N. J.

Note scribbled in New York at A. L. Convention: "Wanted, the whereabouts of former Master Signal Electrician Frederick L. Wright (C Co., 101st F. Sig. Bn.)." But the heck of it is, we didn't make any note of who the fella was that wanted it, so if HE sees this, will he please drop a line to YANKEE DOINGS.

Another amusing little sidelight revealed in a tete-a-tete at the Winthrop Bar in N. Y. C. Milton Maaim (Hq. 101 Int.) and Julius Fedel (Med. Det. 101st Engrs.), each a member of New York Chapter, have known each other in Gotham for two or three years. One of those chance gab-fests about "over there" during the Convention led in its devious way to the scrapping up around Paris Farm — of dubious memory. Said Milt, "Were you there the time the direct hit killed eight fellas, and blew about a box-car load of feathers from some feather-beds all over the lot?" "Was I there?" exclaimed Julius, "it took me and another guy two hours to pick the feathers out of one man that was plastered full of 'em." "You don't know, do you, who the other guy was that helped you?" "No," says Julius, "I wasn't askin' fellas their names just then." "Well, I was the 'other guy'," replies Milt!

Another incident of a similar nature was recently reported in the *Boston Globe*, as follows:

Nineteen years ago a German shell burst over the American lines in France, fragments wounding two members of Company L, 104th Regiment, Yankee Division. They were Leo P. Jacques of West Springfield and Joseph E. Brozo, of Turners Falls. This week, on adjacent cots in the Veterans' Hospital at Newington, Conn., the former buddies were reunited for the first time since the shell put them out of combat. Both are undergoing treatment for war-time wounds.

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Osgood Perkins, formerly a non-commissioned officer in C Battery, 101st Field Artillery, distinguished American actor, died in Washington, D. C., on September 21, of a heart attack. YANKEE DOINGS wishes it had the space to reprint in full the two column article which appeared in the *New York Herald-Tribune* in tribute to Mr. Perkins. As briefly as must be, his career follows:

Born of an old New England family in West Newton, Mass., on May 16, 1892. The stage beckoned to him early in his boyhood, and after seeing Sarah Bernhardt, he then and there decided to learn French at the age of nine. Each Saturday, after he was ten, he was given a dollar, and would take his lunch from home and sit in the gallery of a Boston theater to watch some play.

He graduated from Newton High School and Harvard (1914), taking part in college dramatics. Trying his hand at this and that, he enlisted in 1915 in the American Ambulance Corps, returned home in 1916, and when the United States entered the war, re-enlisted as a private in the Mass. National Guard. Serving with the 26th Division, he later went to military school, earned a commission, and was transferred to another outfit. The armistice found him in a hospital with influenza. After trying one or two jobs in Paris, he returned to America, and dicided to go in for a stage career. His beginnings were unpromising. His first real professional part was as Homer Clay in "Beggar on Horseback." Thereafter he rapidly rose to stardom of the first rank, and the list of hit parts which he has since filled both on stage and screen would make a long column here. At the time of his death, he was appearing in "Susan and God" with Miss Gertrude Lawrence.

The Reverend Descom DeForest Hoagland, formerly Y.M.C.A. Secretary and Acting Chaplain of the 101st Ammunition Train, died at his home in Waltham, Mass., on September 23 after several months illness.

Frederick J. Ronan, formerly of D Battery, 101st Field Artillery, of Salem, Mass., died in Grand Central Terminal, New York City, on September 19, upon his arrival to attend the American Legion National Convention.

Daniel F. Foley formerly of H Co.. 101st

Infantry, died in East Boston, Mass., on September 16.

State Police Lieutenant WILLIAM H. MARTIN, formerly a member of the Yankee Division, (regiment not stated) was instantly killed on September 9, when his car was in a collision with a truck on Main Street, Reading, Mass. Police believed that he fell asleep at the wheel.

A notation has been received by DOINGS which states that ARTHUR L. CRONIN died on September 2; was buried on September 4. No further information is given.

DOINGS is also informed of the death, several years ago, of JOHN E. PETERSON, formerly of D Batt., 103rd Field Artillery, at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital in Rutland, Mass.

It is reported that First Sergeant GEORGE H. DURHAM of E Co., 101st Supply Train died on May 22, 1936.

WALTER C. ELLIS, formerly Captain of H Co., 103rd Infantry, died at his home in West Keene, N. H., on September 17. Captain Ellis was a Spanish war veteran as well as serving in the World War, was 61 years of age, assistant postmaster at Keene, a prominent Mason, and one of the best known and best loved citizens of the city, quiet, reserved, always working either at his office, his home, in his garden, or in the many Masonic bodies in each of which he had held the highest office. At the funeral services held in St. James' Church on Sunday, September 19, representatives of the Spanish-American War Veterans, the local YD Chapter, the American Legion, the Masonic fraternity, and the employes of the Post Office gathered to pay last tribute to their fellow townsman. Military services were conducted at the grave, and the American flag reverently presented to Mrs. Ellis.

Dr. FREDERICK E. JONES, formerly Commanding Officer of the 101st Sanitary Train and Divisional Surgeon, 26th Division, died in Quincy, Mass., on September 29. Funeral services were held at Christ Church, Hancock Street, Quincy, at 2:00 P. M., on Saturday, October 1, attended by many former associates of Dr. Jones in the Yankee Division. Dr. Jones had been medical examiner for Norfolk County for 38 years.

ELMER TURNER whose death in Cincinnati on April 30 was reported in last month's DOINGS, served in Hq. Co., 101st Ammunition Train.

WAVERLY P. WAGGONER, formerly of the 103rd Field Artillery took his own life on September 17. For further details, see the Los Angeles Chapter column.

ALEXANDER G. DELORIE, formerly of C Co., 101st Engineers, died at his home 12 Tabor St., Brookline, Mass., on Thursday, September 30. Funeral services were held from his late home on Saturday afternoon, October 2, attended by many friends from C Company.

DOINGS has received notice of the death, on January 4, 1934, of Captain WILLIAM M. HUDSON, formerly of the 101st Ammunition Train, of Burlington, Vt. His remains were buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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